

Meeting Minutes
Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Communications Committee
April 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

DRAFT UNTIL COMMITTEE APPROVED

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. In attendance were Claire Gysegem, Dr. Carolyn Bailey Lewis, Michael Rodriguez and Arian Smedley.

Smedley motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 8. Seconded by Dr. Lewis. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee members discussed a news release requested by Davey McNelly on the topic of the Center for Independent Living. Gysegem will ask McNelly to fill out the recently created form for these sorts of requests (more on this below).
- Committee members discussed the spotlight feature of our newest member – Lisa Simpson. Dr. Lewis is finalizing the piece. The goal will be to get it published on the commission's Facebook page next week.

OLD BUSINESS

- Committee members discussed the next Athens Ability column for May. Gysegem shared a good topic to cover would be the COVID-19 vaccine and the importance of taking it. She will ask if McNelly is interested in writing it.
- Committee members discussed the recent Walk & Roll event.
 - Dr. Lewis shared it went very well. Special guests and commission members presented. She identified areas where the commission can follow up. There was additional discussion about the commission repurposing some of the video footage in other ways.
 - Gysegem commented that the publicity was very good. Athens NEWS and WOUB provided coverage.
- More on the press release form: Committee members reviewed the form and provided additional feedback. Gysegem will finalize and send to McNelly for the CIL news release request.
- Gysegem reminded committee members to share content from the commission's Facebook page onto their own page. This should help with promoting the commission. She also reminded committee members to send her any links or other content suggestions for the page.

Next meeting May 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Dr. Lewis motioned to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Seconded by Rodriguez. All were in favor.