

*Athens City Commission on Disabilities*  
**Outreach and Communications Committee**  
*Minutes*

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – Via Zoom

Carolyn Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

A quorum was established.

Present: Kayla Bennett; Rose Dikis; Carolyn Lewis, Co-Chairperson; Chris Linscott, jw Smith; and Michael Rodriguez (joined late due to the moderator).

Excused: Cheryl Prusinski, Co-Chairperson; and Sandy Shirey.

The motion to approve the March 8, 2022, minutes was made by jw. The second was made by Chris. The motion carried.

Carolyn and members of the committee thanked Michael Rodriguez for his service on the committee over the past two years and wished him well in his new position in New Mexico. His input and expert technical skills will be missed.

We welcomed new committee members Chris Linscott and Sandy Shirey.

*Chris* has served the disability community in many capacities. He is the former Accessibility Coordinator with Ohio University's Student Accessibility Services and is currently PersonnelPlus Job Developer with the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Chris has clinical experience with Hopewell Healthcare and community development experience with Good Works.

*Sandy* has volunteered at the American Red Cross since 1985. She has served the Red Cross in many capacities and on myriad committees. She is the former Senior Program Assistant at Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) RSVP, 2008-2017, where she recruited residents 55 and older for rewarding volunteer work in our community. Sandy is the vice president of the United Seniors of Athens County Board of Directors.

We reviewed 2022 goals and meeting dates; discussed the promotion for Talk, Walk, and Roll (developing a media plan); and profiles of Commission members. Kayla will write and edit the features; Kayla will also ensure we are sending Commission information to the correct editor at the papers in light of the recent editorial changes. Carolyn mentioned a column in the works by Mayor Patterson. Carolyn has contacted several civic organizations and churches about speaking opportunities.

Athena Award promotion will be June through August for encouraging nominations. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 5:00 p.m., ARTS/West. Nominees and recipients for the past two virtual years will be invited to attend and to be acknowledged.

The Education, Outreach, and Communications Committee is now Outreach and Communications.

The motion to adjourn was made at 6:05 p.m. by jw. The second was made by Chris. The motion carried. The next meeting is Tuesday, **June** 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom (no May meeting).

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Lewis  
April 14, 2022

