

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Outreach and Communications Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2022
City Building, Front Conference Room and Zoom (for those exempt)

Carolyn Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. (Late due to technical difficulties.)

A quorum was established.

Present: Rose Dikis; Carolyn Lewis, Co-Chairperson; Chris Linscott; Cheryl Prusinski, Co-Chairperson; jw Smith; Nico Fuentes, Interpreter; and Guests Deb Burleigh and Suzanne Knauerhase.

Excused: Sandy Shirey (we were unable to connect her) and Kayla Bennett (in transit from work).

The motion to approve the June 14, 2022, minutes was made by jw. Second by Chris. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Guest Suzanne Knauerhase was introduced and welcomed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

- Carolyn outlined the Athena Award Nomination process and Award Ceremony details. The event will be held Wednesday, November 2, from 5-6 p.m. at ARTS/West.
- The Communication Plan has been distributed with responsibilities for each Committee member. Deb offered to assist.
- Nominations received will be sent to Committee members shortly after September 1 for review in preparation for discussing and voting at the September 13 meeting.
- Suggestions were made for caterers: jw will check on Miller's Chicken; Suzanne will contact Mauvette; and Deb, Mitzi Lou's.
- We noted the great placement and space given to Deb's letter to the editor about Rollerball. She asked about next steps and Chris suggested she could galvanize support from other families who could assist by writing letters to the editor. Deb plans to attend a City Council meeting to get a sense of process.
- We will be postponing speaking to civic groups given their schedules and our media interviews for the Athena Award promotion. jw agreed to be interviewed by Emily Votaw at WOUB. We're waiting to hear from others.
- Kayla now has access to Facebook and is posting articles. Please send any announcements, articles, etc., to her at kb084519@ohio.edu.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made at 6:15 p.m. by Chris. Second by jw. The motion carried. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Building, Front Conference or Zoom for those who are exempt. (We will not meet in August.)

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Lewis
July 12, 2022