

*Athens City Commission on Disabilities*  
*Minutes*  
*August 17, 2022*  
*Athens Community Center and via Zoom for those exempt*

Chairperson Davey McNelly called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Secretary Ally Hughes established the quorum.

Present: Tiffany Beals, Vice Chair Dianne Bouvier, Joe Brumfield, Micah McCarey, Davey McNelly, Treasurer Carolyn Lewis, Lisa Simpson, and Rose Dikis.

Guests: Deb Burleigh, Mayor Patterson.

Tiffany Beals read the Commission's Purpose and Mission Statement.

***The motion to approve the July 20, 2022, minutes was made by Dianne. Seconded by Carolyn. The motion carried.***

Carolyn presented the Treasurer's Report. There have been no new expenditures since July. The balance remains \$1,109.81.

***The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Tiffany. Seconded by Joe. The motion carried.***

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Pedestrian Accessibility Roundtable with Mayor Patterson (Dianne)  
With the discussion led by Dianne, the Commission shared important information around accessibility with Mayor Patterson
  - o Need to continue improvement in Uptown businesses
  - o Need to improve curb cuts, especially Union and Court Street, need to extend pedestrian's time to cross
  - o Mayor spoke about getting feedback from specific neighborhoods – suggests neighborhoods unite for requests
  - o Updates on upcoming road projects
  - o Ordinance from 1993 protecting specific brick roads may be a barrier – amendment could be solution; Mayor suggested the Commission draft a resolution for exceptions related to accessibility
  - o Tiffany made suggestion to Mayor that major crosswalks have wide raised bump (similar to what is in front of the City Building) to make it easier to cross and slow traffic
- Share DEI/ADA Coordinator position with feedback
  - New coordinator will attend commission meetings
  - o General Accessibility Discussion

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Commission/Committee Meetings will be in person starting July 1 unless someone asks for accommodations to meet virtually.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports for Executive Team and Accessibility and Advocacy Committee were postponed to next meeting, due to shortness of time.

### -- Outreach and Communications

- Carolyn shared details of the Athena Award Nominations and the event to be held Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at ARTS/West, 5-6 p.m. Rehearsal for those on the program will be Friday, October 28 from 5-6 p.m. We have had great media success with interviews and news articles.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> is the nomination deadline, if you know people who could be good applicants, encourage the nomination. Carolyn asked Lisa if the Friends of Havar could assist with hosting. Deb Burleigh brought food samples for the reception from Mitzi Lou's on West Union Street. Carolyn mentioned Kayla Bennett is posting articles on our Facebook page and on other social media.
- Next meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

***The motion to adjourn was made by Dianne. Seconded by Carolyn. The motion carried.***  
The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ally Hughes, Secretary  
August 22, 2022