

CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**AGENDA – March 13, 2018 6:00 PM****CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL****Ralph DeCicco - Chair****Email: disabilities@revere.org****Phone: 781-286-8267****Salute to the Flag****Roll Call of Members**

Item #1: Commission Member Enza Goodwin, saw on TV a Sheriff's department that had created a special sticker decal to place on homes where residents with special needs who may not be able to respond to verbal commands. I went online to find it and it looked very interesting. I was thinking about this idea and wanted to see if we could tweak it a little bit and create a sticker/decal to place on homes that have residents that have any form of a disability. It would be similar to the decals that they use to or may still be placed on windows that have children in them in case of an emergency.

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This would greatly benefit first responders in the event of a medical emergency. I am also going to be mentioning this at my next meeting with the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) group because this could also be an added benefit to assist in the Critical Transportation Needs (CTN) planning and implementation if ever an emergency evacuation be necessary. Unfortunately we do not have the funds in our budget to be able to implement this so I thought I would reach out to our emergency services departments to see what their thoughts are along with the Mayor's office. Our goal with piloting this program is we would also be able to create a database of the residents who ask for one of these and this information could be passed along to our first responders.

Item #2: CODA- (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) Monthly Conference call Meeting for March: Had a conference call on last Wednesday the 7th and items on the Agenda included Conversations Regarding ADA Education and Reform Act" (H.R. 620)

Myths and Truths About the “ADA Education and Reform Act” (H.R. 620). The so-called ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 is not what its proponents claim and will not achieve its stated goals. Instead, this bill undermines the very purpose of the landmark civil rights law, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and harms people with disabilities. (I am including a copy of the full letter from the ACLU to each COD member during or meeting)

Item 3: Reminder of Scheduled Events for March:

- **Drop and Stay playgroup continues to run on Monday nights at the Rec from 6:00-7:30 PM.**
- **Special Olympics will host its Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 17th. Please see their website for additional information**
- **Our next SEPAC meeting will take place on 3/23 6:00 PM at The Revere League for Special Needs 200 Winthrop Ave.**
- **Basic rights meeting 3/15 6:00 PM at The Revere League for Special Needs 200 Winthrop Ave.**
- **Stay tuned next month for our annual Autism calendar of events which has a lot of daily offerings for children with special needs and their families. More information to be shared at our next meeting.**

Item #4: Old Business.

- **Update on Disabled Children and Young Adult Art Pilot Program**
- **Update (If any) Regarding Letter to Mayors office regarding City Hall basement floor door and entrance.**

Item #5: Late Items.

Item #6: Open Forum – Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback**Item #8: Reminder:**

- **The Commission on Disabilities has office hours on Fridays from 8:15-12:15 in the Veterans Services Office in the rear of the legion Building at 249R Broadway which is next door to city hall. You can call for an appointment if you would like but do not need one. You will be able to talk to someone from our 311 Constituent Service Center on other days when you call our office at 781-286-8267 They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our office they can transfer you to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.**

Also please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to come and speak on it. Our Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to Everyone

Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM