

CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – April 9, 2019 6:00 PM
REVERE CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Salute to the Flag

Roll Call of Members:

Item#1 Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2019

Item #2: April is Autism Awareness Month. There are more children with autism than all childhood diseases combined. The CDC estimates 1 in 56 children have Autism, however when it comes to federal funding, ASD is at the bottom of the list. Sometimes a child can be diagnosed as young as 2 years old. Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for a child's growth. Groups like SEPAC, the Little Ricky Foundation, and the Commission on Disabilities are needed in the battle against autism and to provide support and awareness in our community. There are walks for autism, comedy and dance nights for autism, all types of fundraising to help with supplies field trips and more but our number one goal is to have the Revere community become more aware of the prevalence of people with autism in the city. Awareness and acceptance is good for everyone. More info about ASD can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/research.html>

Thank you and God bless the people with autism and their caregivers and teachers.

Item #3: CODA- (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday April 3, 2019. We had continued discussions regarding the vacant position at the AAB (Architectural Access Board) and if city and town Disability Commissions could send letters in support of having this position filled. (Our Commission would need to take a vote tonight on a letter that I have drafted to send to both Governor Baker and Diane Symonds who is the Commissioner at the Division of Professional Licensure who oversees the board.)

Item#4: Update on State MOD ADA Planning Grant for FY 2019

Item #5: Scheduled April Events:

SEPAC Events:

- 1. Our 2nd annual Walk for Autism took place on Sunday, April 7th.**
- 2. SEPAC and Revere Recreation have partnered to offer free ice skating on Friday, April 12th from 6-8pm at the Cronin Rink.**
- 3. On Monday, April 29th, SEPAC will offer an open forum at our meeting to allow parents of children with special needs to come in to discuss any issues or concerns. This will take place beginning at 6pm at RHS.**

Item #6: Old Business-

Item #7 Late Items: (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)

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

Item #9: Next Steps

Item #10 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 any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Motion to Adjourn:

Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM.