



## **CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Meeting Agenda Notes – November 10, 2020 6:00 PM**

**Ralph DeCicco - Chair**

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**Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV**

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### **Salute to the Flag**

#### **Roll Call of Members:**

**Members Present: Ralph DeCicco, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno**

**Absent: Albert Sheridan, Robert Bent**

#### **Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2020**

**Approved by Enza Goodwin and Second by Pauline Perno**

#### **Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from October Meeting**

**- Disability office has placed an order for Smile Masks through the City's Covid's Fund. These masks have a clear front and will be useful for residents and families that are hearing impaired. We will update residents that have a hearing impairment who depend on lip reading when we receive them.**

**- The MOD Disability Summit that was supposed to take place virtually on-line October 29<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to technical issues. No new date has been established.**

**- Start of HP Installed Parking Sign List- Commission member Pauline Perno mentioned an idea on contacting the correct Person at High School to see about Students helping who need community service.**

**Item #3: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call on November 4, 2020. Chairmen DeCicco updated members on monthly call which discussed AHVP issues and funding. Another topic discussed was on accessible/adaptable apartments in new developments. Also, there were continued discussions on COD Virtual and taped Meetings.**

#### **Item #4: Scheduled November Events / SEPAC Events & Updates**

- **Our open forum meeting in October was a great success. We had about 30 participants including Dr. Gallucci who fielded many questions and concerns.**
- **We have two meetings in November. The first took place on Thursday, November 5th. It focused on ABA strategies. The other meeting is scheduled**

**for Tuesday, November 17th. It will focus on compensatory services during COVID. SEPAC encourages parents to RSVP to receive zoom meeting details.**

**Item #5: Revere Disability Office in Conjunction with The Revere Office of Planning and Development Julie DeMauro who is the Transportation Director has applied for a \$250,000 Grant to help with improvements and infrastructure work as part of the Broadway Signalization Project.**

**Item #6: New Members needed for Commission- Chairmen DeCicco mentioned Commission was looking for Members and stated what the criteria was to become a member. Also explained how to apply online on City of Revere's Web site.**

#### **Item #7: Commission Late Items**

- **Chairmen DeCicco mentioned that he received a call regarding questions as to why there is no longer a mailbox on Pleasant Street that is accessible by driving up and had a large pull-down opening. He said that he contacted the local Post Office Annex and was informed that this particular mailbox along with similar ones at other locations throughout the state and country are being removed by the Postal Service because of vandalism and something called "fishing. This is when people open the mailboxes and attach something sticky to a long object to remove items inside. I was also told that anyone who is disabled or cannot go bring their mail to a mailbox or Post Office can either leave it in their mailbox or give it to the mailman that comes to their home They will bring it to the post office. As another point of information regular mailboxes also now have a much smaller slot opening for this same reason.**

**Item #8: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum. None**

**Item #9: Reminder –**

**The Commission on Disabilities due to Covid 19 and the safety of all residents is trying to limit in person appointments due to the unavailability and use at our present office location. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday 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 please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon possible.**

**We are working on solidifying another temporary location for our office for necessary in-person appointments determined by the COD on Friday mornings. We will update this information when available on our Disability page on the City Web site.**

**As always 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 speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.**

**Next Steps: *Pauline Perno will update Commission on information regarding possible students help with HP Sign list.***

**We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

***Approved by Enza Goodwin and Second by Pauline Perno***

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM**