



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Agenda Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2019 6:00 PM
REVERE CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Ralph DeCicco - Chair Rick Freni - Vice Chair
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Salute to the Flag

Roll Call of Members:

PRESENT- Ralph DeCicco, Enza Goodwin, Michele DeBellis, Pauline Perno, Albert Sheridan
ABSENT- Rick Freni and Robert Bent

Moment of Silence: - for a former Chair of the Commission on Disabilities and great advocate for the disabled residents of Revere. - This was made for Cindy Tatelman. Also a Moment of Silence was made for Rick Promise

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2019- Enza Goodwin made motion, 2nd by Albert Sheridan.

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) - Monthly Conference call Meetings on Wednesday December 4, 2019. - Due to scheduling conflict Chair was not able to attend due to schedule conflict and Co-chair Rick Freni was also unable to join.

Item #3: Scheduled December Events / SEPAC Events

- **December 14th: SEPAC is hosting its annual holiday party on Saturday, December 14th from 2:30-4pm at the Garfield Community School. Children and their families will enjoy games, music, bounce house, and a special visit from Santa. Snack and water donations are always helpful. Please consider donating or volunteering for this special event**

Item #4: Self Evaluation Plans and Transition Plans of Municipal Buildings Update. - Final and Full Transition Plan has been received by the City of Revere and also filed with the State of MOD to fulfill and comply with all rules and regulations of the State and Federal Government.

Item #5: Follow up regarding the creation of a City Ordinance to Ban Single-Use plastic straws in the City of Revere. This was supposed to be sent to the Legislative Affairs Sub Committee for their meeting on November 18th by the City Council after the Public Hearing Meeting on October 28th. It was actually left off that meeting's agenda and placed on their meetings agenda for November 25th. - Ralph summarized why this should not be passed. He and Rick Freni attended the meeting on November 25th but it was tabled until next year. Ralph said that he will make sure that he attends any meetings or discussions when it is brought before the council next year to clearly voice his, disability commissions and disabled communities opposition. Ralph stated that he wished it was just voted on that night and received a no vote which would have been the correct action. Michelle DeBellis also said that she sent a letter to the Council voicing her opposition and reasons. It is a quality of life issue Pauline Perno hopes that statistics would support us. She also said he school department would need to take a look at this too because they would also have concerns.

Item #6: Late Items - (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda) Chair DeCicco updated the Commission regarding a meeting he had recently with various City of Revere Departments and DOT regarding the new Signalization project that will be beginning on Broadway. 2016 was the last time some minor work was done on the original full DOT project plan from 1998. This project will improve traffic flow and safety for the main corridor of Revere. In correlation with the improvement of the main corridor traffic branch of Revere this will be a catalyst for other areas of improvement projects. The project will start Late Spring with data and analysis already being done and implemented by the Firm hired by the State. The entire project will take a few years.

Item #7: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback:

-Mr. Piccardi -89 Revere Street had question on HP Sign Process.

-Ms. Chris Triano had questions and issues regarding Planet Fitness at Wonderland not having hand rails in Woman's locker room at benches and going from Dressing room to shower along with being slippery tiles.

Item #8: Next Steps - Will find out information regarding residents concerns at Planet Fitness.

Item #9: 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.

We wish everyone a Happy Kwanzaa, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Also a Healthy and prosperous New Year in 2020

Motion to Adjourn: Enza Goodwin made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Albert Sheridan.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.