



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – September 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: Rick Freni, Michelle DeBellis, Enza Goodwin, Albert Sheridan, Ralph DeCicco
Absent: Pauline Perno and Robert Bent

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2019
Rick Freni makes motion, Second by Enza Goodwin.

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) - Monthly Conference call Meetings on Wednesday September 4, 2019. This call was in regards to a follow up from last month's call about the State funded Alliance Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) through local Housing Authorities. As a reminder this voucher program benefits disabled residents 60 or younger through local Housing Agencies. It was discussed how some communities such as Cambridge will no longer be participating in issuing them and filling out application for the program once the existing residents are no longer on it. What this will also mean is that the vouchers that have been assigned to any of those communities will be reallocated to other cities and towns. Revere Housing is not one of the communities that will stop participating in this voucher program from what was mentioned. -Ralph DeCicco recapped the Monthly CODA conference call.

On the call it was also mentioned about legislation that members would like help to see put on next year's ballot regarding electric shock therapy especially for disabled individuals. It was mentioned that there is only one facility in Massachusetts that still practices. There is going to be an initiative and signature drive campaign to try and get enough signatures so that it can be a ballot question in the 2020 election. There are people on both sides of this issue and the disabled advocates feel that does extraordinary harm to individuals and should not continue regardless if there is consent. Ralph DeCicco mentioned during CODA conference call, they spoke on electric shock therapy and that there is a grass roots campaign to stop this practice and get on the 2020 ballot.

Item #3: Scheduled September Events -

SEPAC Events:

SEPAC will host a back to school Ice Cream social at Garfield Community School on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30.

Enza Goodwin and Micelle DeBellis spoke on the Welcome back school year, SEPAC ice cream social September 19th, 5:30pm at the community center. The rec center is now offering therapeutic programs. September 28th at 1pm Kimmerle Park will be the multicultural festival hosted by Beachmont Improvement Committee. People of all abilities are welcome to come and join in and can contact the Beachmont Improvement Committee for more information

Item #4: Old Business –

None

Item #5: Late Items - (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)

Rick Freni spoke briefly about the Little Ricky Foundation annual event on October 13th at Breakaway Danvers. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, comedy show, live music and dj, dozens of raffle prizes and more. Doors open at 3pm more info at www.littlericky.vpweb.com

Item #6: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback:

Resident on Ocean Avenue spoke regarding crosswalks and safety with regards to Pauline Perno speaking about the dangerousness of that area for elderly and handicapped people. Ralph DeCicco stated he is waiting for Pauline Perno to complete letter so they can go forward with this.

Item #7: Next Steps -

Letter from Pauline Perno regarding area crosswalks/lighting throughout the city

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 any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere. **Reminder was read by Enza Goodwin.**

Motion to Adjourn: Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM.