



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – October 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members: Present Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Mario Grimanis, Jason Barrone, Robert Brown, Student Liaison Sofia Marmoucha. Absent: Asmaa Al Fouda. Quorum Present

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2022: Pauline Approved, Robert Second

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from September Meeting

- **Update from Pauline regarding developing calendar for guest speakers at our monthly meetings. (Tabled from September meeting) She has been working on a format to have a Special guest presentation for 10–15 minutes along with time included for Q & A each month. Hoping to have guests scheduled, will begin contacting department heads for upcoming date. November guest is Lauren Buck -Revere Health Department**
- **Any Follow up/ Update about comfort dogs from agencies such as the Red Cross: several calls were placed, and e mails sent awaiting return information. Also, possibility to look into grant money to access a therapy dog ...pilot in the school's first....will continue to research possibilities**

Item #3: SEPAC October Updates / November - December Events

- **Robert Brown will provide information (Not ready in time for Meeting Agenda posting):**
- **11/17 @ 6pm Learning Commons at RHS will be a seminar on Therapeutic strategies surrounding the holidays and how to best help children. Information to include explanations/ strategies/ for transitioning/ and the preparation and soothing methods for kids experiencing difficulties; looking into possibility of taping or live streaming this program; December there will be a winter party 12/10....1-3pm... more information to come during November's meeting**

Item #4: Communications: None

Item #5: Commission Members Late Items : some residents want and/ or believe the COD should be advocates for the disability community....we are here to pass on / facilitate information to the correct agency. One agency (Disability Law Center) is a state agency that covers legal aid the disabled we will reach out to schedule a guest speaker role at an upcoming meeting...need to reinforce to the community the role of the Commission.

Item #6: Residents' concerns/issues: see above with regards to the Commissions purpose , maybe develop a statement of purpose

Item #7: Next Steps: Calendar for monthly guests speakers, therapy dog, Any snow angel update via the Mayor's Office

Item #7: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities Office works remotely. 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 department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon possible.

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 al the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday November 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM