



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2021 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Roll Call of Members: Present Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Asmaa Aabou-Fouda, Mario Grimanis, Jason Barrone Absent: Robert Bent, Enza Goodwin

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2021.

Made by Jason / Pauline

Item #2: Introduction of new Commission Member Mario Grimanis. He has been a resident of Revere for the past 5-years Currently working in a Counselling role.

Item #3: Update / Next steps From Last Meeting: None

Item #4: CODA: Mass vaccination sites are now closed with a shift to local pharmacies; priority appointments for marginalized and hard-hit communities; at this time the COD will remain remote believing all meetings should remain hybrid to provide accessibility to all persons, especially to individuals who are unable to navigate an in person meeting and promote a comfortable forum for all. CODA to reach out to Attorney General's office for additional discussion / support.

#5: SEPAC: Updates on Parent survey. How was the survey distributed such as email and social media along with what languages? Asmaa will work to translate and share across social media (Facebook, Twitter). It was also mentioned that all schools should be sharing with liaisons, use REMIND and ClassDojo. It was suggested that Asmaa join SEPAC. Survey revealed that parents' responses to best date, time, venue were scattered making scheduling difficult to address everyone's needs. Majority of responses wanted social emotional/mental health and behavioral health to be addressed. Sports programs to start with the possibility of soccer, basketball and perhaps swimming. Tentative SEPAC meeting scheduled for 9/23.

Item #6: MBTA Meeting/ TAP Card: Looking to cross reference across all agencies to streamline auto renewals of cards by uploading information already gathered.

Item #7: New England ADA Center / Recreation, ADA, and Inclusion programs: keeping meetings hybrid to promote accessibility; MOD / ADA are not governing bodies and cannot enforce but can strongly recommend hybrid model.

Item #8: MOD: focus on equality and effective communication making sure that all municipal buildings, meetings are accessible. Attorney General's Office to offer additional training surrounding the hybrid model and how to accommodate all persons.

Item #9: Commission Members Late Items: Members are reminded to bring agenda / discussion items to each meeting. It is through the members brainstorming in which ideas are discussed and items of concern are addressed. Safe passage on neighborhood walkways remains an issue, where cars, trash barrels and construction equipment are impeding the safe passage of all pedestrians. It is noted this is especially problematic for those persons with disabilities, also recognizing the issue with children, elderly etc. Mario and Jason to draft a letter to address this issue, to be forwarded to the sanitation department. Follow up next meeting.

Item #10: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum: None

Item #11: 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 the City of Revere's Web Site Disability page.

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: Letter to be drafted as mentioned in Item #9 by Mario and or Jason

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jason / Mario

Next Meeting: Next Meeting (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday *insert date here* at 6:00 PM