



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

**Meeting Agenda – February 13, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

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**Meeting Will Broadcast Live Via Zoom, Revere TV & Revere TV YouTube Channel**

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call of Members**

**Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024**

**Item #2: Guest Speaker: None**

**Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from January 9, 2024 Meeting**

- **Updates from Pauline regarding calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**

**Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday February 7th.**

- **DPC mentioned that that Governors Budget proposed cuts in the line item for the much-needed current PCA program and they are advocating for changes to this. Funding needs to be increased and not cut.**
- **COD Commissions discussed accessibility at town meetings. Main way to achieve this is for all municipal meetings to establish and have a Hybrid/Remote component.**
- **COD Commission Members from various cities and towns had questions regarding interactions and overlaps with special education issues and the local SEPAC (special education parent advisory councils) in their communities if any.**
- **A great discussion was had on the interpretation of [MGL chapter 40 section 8J](#) This is regarding the establishment and makeup of members on a Disability Commission.**

**Item #5: SEPAC January/February Events:**

- **SEPAC is in a transition to new Board members and at time of posting no information has been provided. If any information is received by the time of COD meeting it will be shared.**

**Item #6: Vice Chair Pauline Perno Discussion on “Silent Disabilities” and the impact everyday ignorance has. (This was tabled from January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting due to time limitations)**

**Item #7: We applied for and were awarded a MA Department of Health Mini Grant The Revere Commission on Disabilities in conjunction with the Revere Department of Public Health have created a survey for Revere Residents. We are specifically reaching out to seniors, people/families with disabilities, people with racial and financial injustices to complete the survey about accessibility at and to the George V Colella Community Center.**

**The Community Center is located within the Garfield School (176 Garfield Ave) and is operated by the Revere Parks & Recreation Department. The facility features a swimming pool and many more programs and activities. If you are a Revere resident, we need your help by filling out this survey in your preferred language to understand your needs. Your feedback will matter to us." Thank you .**

**Please Click on 1 of the Survey Links:**

**English Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRGH3MJ>

**Spanish Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3YC356>

**Portuguese Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QTTT5XB>

**Arabic Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QBL2WHD>

**Item #8: Commission Members Late Items/Information:**

**Item #9: Residents' concerns/issues**

**Item #10: Next Steps:**

**Item #11: Reminder –**

**The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will answer most questions, but if they are unable to or if you want to speak to our department directly or schedule an appointment, please ask to be transferred to the Disability office. If we are unavailable, please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.**

**As always, please tell us if you want something discussed or 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.**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM**