

CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – January 8, 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

Welcome by Chair Ralph Decicco

Roll Call of Members: Rick Freni, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, Albert Sheridan, Robert Bent, Michelle DeBellis, Ralph DeCicco.

Item#1 Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2018

Motion made by Albert Sheridan and 2nd by Enza Goodwin

Item #2: CODA- (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday January 2, 2019. The call was a continuation from last month's discussion regarding the AAB Bill that CODA will again try to help get passed through both houses of the state legislature. It was also mentioned that if individual city and town commissions would like someone from the Disability Policy Consortium (DCP) in which a few of the main members of CODA work for would be willing to attend their individual monthly meetings to give an overview of the bill. Ralph DeCicco spoke on how CODA will help get the AAB bill passed by both legislatures. Pauline Perno stated she would welcome someone to come and speak about it to our commission. Ralph DeCicco stated he would ask a rep from COD would possibly come to one of our monthly and explain the bills and let us know how we can help and get them passed.

Item #3: All Inclusive Art Program Review. The Revere Commission on Disabilities had the last All Inclusions Art class on Thursday December 21. There was a special visit for Santa Clause and also Mayor Arrigo. Ralph DeCicco mentioned the art projects will be displayed in city hall and was a huge success and hope find more funding through the private and public sectors. Rick Freni stated the 7 week program was a huge success for all involved. Miss Sally and Miss Diane were wonderful donating their time and assisting the kids and their parents. Also stated the projects should be placed in the city hall soon. Looking forward to having another program and thanked Mayor Arrigo and his family as well as School Committee man Jerry Visconti stopping in to check out the program. Thanked the parents guardians and all involved including the rec center for helping us out.

Robert Bent thanks Rick Freni and Ralph DeCicco in his absence for overseeing the program and mentioned how the kids and family's had a blast. Enza Goodwin said it was nice to attend with her child and thanked all for making it a wonderful program.

Item#4: New Program for the Students in the High School Life Skills Class: Revere Commission on Disabilities was able to pilot this program because of the generous partnership and donation from Dan Luberto from Lubertos Bakery.

Ralph DeCicco talked about the new program.

Rick Freni provided an overview of the program on how we were able to obtain cupcakes frosting and holders. Cupcakes are put together by Talia Mimmo's class and provide some vocation work for the students. There are 4 students that put them together during the day and 4 different students selling them at the Friday Night basketball games. Thanks to Dan Luberto and to Chairman DeCicco for being the driving force of getting this off the ground. Ralph DeCicco said these events are also being shown on the COD Facebook page and that is so gratifying and priceless to see the photos of these students making cupcakes and art projects. Thanks to Lubertos Bakery for helping us out.

Item #5: Scheduled Events

December recap: We hosted our holiday party on Sunday, December 16th from 12-2 at RMA. We had over 30 children attend along with their families. Thank you to school committee woman Stacy Rizzo for stopping by with treats for the kids. Thank you to Mike Hinojosa from the Rec for his support and to Row, Row Revere for sponsoring the event.

January Events

On Thursday January 17th, Miss Sally and Miss Diane will host Revere SEPAC for our January family event. Children and families will enjoy an art and craft along with hands on cooking.

On Monday, January 28th at 6:00 Ms. Jackie Roy will present to parents for our monthly meeting on ABA strategies and tips. This was rescheduled from December.

Enza Goodwin ran through the recap of December events. She thanked Stacey Rizzo, Mike Hinojosa and Stacey Livotte for donations in helping make the event possible. Stated that January events have a wait list and to contact Jen Dugan to be put on the list. **Pauline Perno asked what time the event is for January 17th. Enza Goodwin responds that the time is 6-7.**

Item #6: Old Business-

- **Grant follow up Information on 2 possibilities from Vice Chair Rick Freni**

Rick Freni would like to table this for February 2019 meeting.

- **Continued Discussion and Ideas on COD Sub Committees and Duties:**

Ralph DeCicco stated there will basically be 3 groups as we discussed before. He stated Michelle DeBellis and Enza Goodwin would have a focus from babies to middle school. Pauline Perno and I would focus on the high school and post grad students, and Albert Sheridan and Robert Bent would have a focus on the adult and senior citizen community. Ralph DeCicco would like to ask for names for each subcommittee. Stating he would not be affiliated with each group as he is already involved with several other things.

Rick Freni stated we should brainstorm in email and come up with some names for the subcommittee names.

Ralph DeCicco stated the city is working on the website and how we can use these subcommittee names and provide better direction for the community.

Item #7: Late Items: (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)

Ralph DeCicco asked for any late items.

Rick Freni asked about the Gentlemen who was here a couple of months ago who has major issues with his sidewalk. Ralph DeCicco said the Mayor had visited the property along with other city Departments and our state delegation and are actively involved and working with Mr. Falzone and the issue.

Item #8: Open Forum – Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback-Ralph DeCicco said no one is present for comments.

Item #9 Next Steps

Ralph Decicco mentioned that Ashley Melnik would like all to read the Conflict of Interest email along with the attachment and respond to her once we have done so.

Rick Freni to follow up on Possible Grants

Names of Subcommittees

Possible Presentation from CODA on AAB Bills

Item #10 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. Ralph Decicco read the Reminder verbatim.

Motion to Adjourn:

Rick Freni makes motion to adjourn, Robert Bent 2nds the motion.

Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM.