

Commission on Disabilities: Meeting Notes – September 13, 2017 – 6 PM

Members present:

Ralph DeCicco-Co-Chair (Moderator for tonight's meeting)

Bryan Arciero

Enza Goodwin

Michelle DeBellis

Members absent:

Harvey Corin

David Haahesy

Paul Mazzone

Joe Gravallesse-Moderator

Item #1 Commission on Disabilities Office Hours Reminder: On September 8, 2017 our office hours at the Veterans Affairs Office began. We will be open on Fridays from 8:30-12:00pm. We are located downstairs in the back of the Legion Building next door to City Hall. Please call if you would like to make an appointment.

Item #2 In conjunction with our HR Department we have scheduled Rita DiNunzio to come provide an overview presentation and training regarding Title 1 and Title II for our Department Heads, administration and members of our Commission of Disabilities. Ms. DiNunzio is the Assistant Director for Communications and Policy at the Massachusetts Office on Disability in Boston. This will take place here in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 19th from 10-1.

Item #3 Walking Audits with Julie DeMauro-City of Revere Healthy Living

Coordinator/Revere on the Move Department: Mr. DeCicco has conducted a walking tour with Mrs. DeMauro for two visually impaired students on the behalf of their parents. A plan will be put together with suggestions to see what is needed to be ADA compliant and safe for them.

Item #4 Handicap Signs throughout the city: Please see the Disabilities website for a lot of information under the FAQ section or call the office before filling out a form. The City has a lot of signs issued, but are not necessarily in use. Beginning in 2017 tracking of those signs began and a letter or home visit will be taking place for older signs that went up in the past to make sure they are in compliance with our ordinances and still being used for who they were issued to. If you know of a sign that is not in use please call or email.

Item #5 Update of City Events for September:

- **Special Olympics young athletes for ages two through seven will begin on Saturday, September 30th and end on November 4 at the Paul Revere School. Each week children will be able to participate in and develop skills in different sports. Volunteers and donations are needed.**
- **Special Olympics soccer program for ages five through 15 will take place on Saturday, September 30th and end on November 4th also at the Paul Revere School. Volunteers are needed.**
- **Revere drop and stay play group continues to need on Monday nights at 6 o'clock at the Revere Rec for children with special needs and their parents. Cost is five dollars and siblings are welcome.**
- **Revere Sepac will hold its first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday, September 20 at the Revere League for Special Needs. We encourage all parents to attend.**

Thank you to Martarelli Landscaping for improving the quality of the grass and surrounding area for these upcoming outdoor events.

Item #6 Communications:

- **Carry over from last month. Just a reminder we received a communication from a Revere Resident who has an outside Electric chair lift that he would like to donate. It is in great working condition and he still has it installed so that it can be demonstrated. If you would like any further information or are interested please contact the Disability Office at 781-286-8267 and leave us your name and number and I will put you in contact with the resident. I also have some pictures of the chair lift that can be emailed to you. Just send an email to The Disability Commissions email address which disabilities@revere.org or you can directly send me an email at rdecicco@revere.org and let me know that you are interested.**

Item #7 Old Business:

Revisit on how it is working out with Commission member Harvey Corin calling in or calling him after 2-3 months as agreed upon at our May meeting.

We wish Harvey well. Mr. DeCicco has called him several times with no luck. Mr. Mazzone has tried too. We will table this until our meeting next month in October.

Item #8 Late Items:

Mr. Mazzone has shared a parking mobility app in which residents can report handicap or parking abuse. We are encouraged to look at it and discuss at our next meeting. Mr. DeCicco has emailed the company in hopes to get more information.

Item #9 Public Comment/Open Forums:

None

Adjournment Next Meeting: October 10, 2017 at 6:00pm