

**CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**MEETING NOTES – January 9, 2018 6:00 PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**  
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**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call of Members: Present: David Haesy, Enza Goodwin, Michelle DeBellis, Ralph DeCicco and Robert Bent (Via Phone Conference)**  
**Absent: Paul Mazzone**

**Item #1: City of Revere Commission on Disabilities Accessibility Survey and Letter: Letter was completed and will be going out with the Election Departments Census mailer in both English and Spanish. Also I have the Letter and Completed Survey now linked on the Disability front page on the City's web site that can be downloaded along with paper copies in the Mayor's Office and Disabilities Office that can be picked up by residents to complete and send back.**

**Survey letter is ready to go out tomorrow (Wednesday, January 11, 2018). The goal of the survey is to find out how members of our community navigate around and what more do they need.**

**Item #2: I have been asked by Jeffrey L. Dougan who is the Assistant Director for Community Services at The Massachusetts Office on Disability asked if Revere would like to host the spring Metro Regional Commission on Disability Meeting. They would supply all materials, supplies and food. All we would need to do is supply a location. I think this would be a great opportunity for us and allow us to introduce ourselves to neighboring COD Administrators and Directors. He mentioned two dates to start off with to see if we would be able to accommodate a meeting they are Tuesday May 1 and Thursday May 10th. The time frame they would need is 3 hours for the meeting with a starting time commencing late morning.**

**This meeting would host about 40-50 people and would serve as a nice way to get Revere on the map as a fully functioning Commission on Disability. (More information to follow)**

**Item #3:** Recently I have been put in touch with Colin Killick via an email introduction from Jessica Doonan, who is the Chief of Staff for the City of Boston Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Colin is a part of the Somerville Disability Commission and runs CODA- Commissions on Disabilities Alliance. He is a great resource as are many on the monthly phone calls. I will soon be set up so that I can join in on the monthly calls for our commission.

**Ralph has joined in this monthly conference call and talks are in the works to see about getting a first fully accessible playground/park in the Suffolk Downs area. He is now a part of the CODA which has a monthly conference call and which serves as a "think tank" and will share a group website of resources. He also proposed an idea that he would like to be a part of the Suffolk Downs Developers plans which include having a state of the art fully accessible ADA compliant park/playground for children and young adults of all abilities in this great new development. He would like to be a part of the discussions with the developers and also The City of Boston to make this a reality either a large scale park/playground in the middle of both East Boston and Revere or one within each community's boundaries on this planned development.**

**Item #4:** Idea and suggestion regarding a program from Robert Bent for Disabled Children in our Community similar to the Safe Saturday's program.

**Robert and Ralph are applying for a grant to get a program going in Revere much like the Safe Saturdays program. It would be for children with disabilities and include programs and activities such as arts and crafts. And involve High school student volunteers. (More information to follow)**

**Item #5 Update of City Events for January: As reported by Enza Goodwin**

- **Our December party for children with special needs was a big success. We had about 25 children and their families attend. Children enjoyed crafts, movement activities and a special visit from Santa.**
- **Drop and stay playgroup continues to run on Monday nights at the Rec Center from 6-7:30 for children ages 3-9 with special needs.**
- **Sepac Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday January 17, 2018 6:00PM at The Revere League for Special Needs 200 Winthrop Ave.**
- **Special Olympics Polar Plunge will take place Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Revere Beach. We are looking to form a Revere Team.**

**Item #6: Old Business.**

- **Update regarding Municipal ADA Planning Grant that Revere COD applied for. (TABLED)**
- **Update regarding Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) Working Group. Project Management Team (PMT) (TABLED)**

**Item #7: Late Items. None**

**Item #8: Open Forum – Resident feedback or question and concerns with ongoing issues. None**

**Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM**