



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA NOTES – October 08, 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

Roll Call of Members: -Present: Rick Freni, Michelle DeBellis, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, Albert Sheridan, Ralph, DeCicco

Absent: Robert Bent, Albert Sheridan

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019 Michelle DeBellis Motioned to approved the last months minutes and 2nd by Enza Goodwin

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) - Monthly Conference call Meetings on Wednesday October 2, 2019. This call was in regards to a follow up from last month's call about the about legislation that members would like help to see put on next year's ballot regarding electric shock therapy especially for disabled individuals. They are looking for volunteers to gather signatures for a signature drive campaign to try and get enough signatures so that it can be a ballot question in the 2020 election. On the call it was mentioned that the MOD has filled the Executive Director Vacancy. Mary Mahon McCauley was hired as the New Executive Director. She previously worked at the MRC.

Ralph DeCicco spoke about the 9/3/19 call with CODA in which they thanked commissions statewide for the hiring of Mary Mahon McCauley as the New Executive Director of the MOD.

Ralph DeCicco briefly spoke about Electric Shock Therapy in the commonwealth and how Massachusetts is the only state that still allows this. Working with state officials to have it no longer be a practice and allowed.

Item #3: Scheduled October Events -

SEPAC Events:

Enza Goodwin spoke about the upcoming events and thanked those that have supported SEPAC.

SEPAC will host its annual Halloween party full of tricks and treats on Thursday, October 24th at the Garfield Community School. Families will enjoy games, music, and indoor trick or treating. Our events are open to Revere children and young adults with special needs. We are in need of candy and treats for the children. Donations are always helpful as this is a volunteer group.

Rick Freni spoke of the upcoming events for Autism support and how the money will be used for the North Shore Education Consortium Soar Program which supports young adults with autism.

The Little Ricky Foundation will host their 11thAnnual Fundraiser For Autism Awareness & Support Event this Sunday October 13th. For tickets and information

please contact Rick Freni at 781-704-1300 or 781-704-1301. You can also email them at rickyfreni@msn.com or littlericky4autism@gmail.com.

Item #4: Meeting on 10-2-19 with Mass DOT - Construction Project Route 60 Revere
Ralph DeCicco spoke about streets being reconstructed to comply with ADA. Ramps with yellow mats to help wheel chairs and most if not all construction should be done by end of November 2019.

Item #5 Self Evaluation Plans and Transition Plans of Municipal Buildings Update:
Ralph DeCicco spoke of how the state is cracking down on cities not complying with self evaluation plans. Only 14 of over 300 towns/cities have complied so far. Also the Transition Plans of Muni buildings have been completed and forward to the state. They will quality check, review findings with city, finalize to the state and make sure everything is in compliance.

Item #6: Old Business –

Pauline Perno spoke of traffic issues approaching sidewalks, and read her letter which is being sent to city and state officials for review of the dangerous crosswalks within the city.

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

Item #8: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback:
Resident Rocco Falzone of 55 Toscano Avenue congratulated the commission on their volunteer work and how we are giving back to the community. He stated it is a shame the chambers were empty for our monthly meeting as what we do for the community as a board and as volunteers is critical for the city to move forward. He was very compassionate in his gratitude towards. He also mentioned and thanked Rick Freni for all he has done to help children with autism in the city.

Item #9: Next Steps -

Ralph DeCicco spoke of grants, getting back to our goals. He mentioned they are still working parking violations for handicapped and how those proceeds can be earmarked for the commission on disabilities.

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. Pauline Perno read Item#10.

Motion to Adjourn: Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM. (Happy Columbus Day- Enjoy the Parade on Monday October 14th here in Revere)