



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda – August 11, 2020 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: Ralph DeCicco welcomes everyone back and ask all to stand for the pledge.

Roll Call of Members: Rick Freni takes Zoom roll call. Present: Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, Ralph DeCicco, Albert Sheridan. Robert Bent audio only on phone.

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2020

- Robert Bent makes motion to approve. Seconded by Pauline Perno. All Approved.

Item #2: Next Steps Follow up from Previous Meeting

- Ralph DeCicco spoke about Handicap spots at RHS stadium on Park Avenue.

Item #3: Commission on Disability Office Updates

- Ralph DeCicco updated commission members on resignation of Michelle DeBellis. She will be a great loss and tough to replace. Also stated the COD office is no longer in use because of COVID. Also, during this time, the office is also undergoing renovations. COD office may move back into VA office when construction is done but we will continue to operate remotely. Ralph DeCicco stated he was and is helping residents with disability issues and concerns from home efficiently. He also mentioned that he has been trying to meet with the State MOD regarding special education because those students appear to be overlooked during this pandemic.

Item #4: Revere Emergency Response Covid 19 Network

- Ralph DeCicco stated the past few months Revere has been reaching out to seniors letting them know how and when to contact Revere 311 for services and needs.

- He spoke about the many pop up food pantries throughout the city. Also mentioned the availability of delivery of food and masks to those most vulnerable that do not have a vehicle or unable to leave their home.

- Ralph DeCicco stated Revere is a hotspot for Covid and says that home parties and large gatherings are contributing factor.

- **Pauline Perno asked about when Pop up food pantries will end, and Ralph mentioned as long there is a need and funding they will continue.**
- **Robert Bent mentioned his recent visits to the hospital and pleaded with the public to please wear your mask when leaving your home.**

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call Meetings since March through August 2020

- **Ralph DeCicco spoke about communities responding to the pandemic and when the CODA meetings are resuming with Zoom. COD is dealing with AAB regarding variances on new construction and existing building renovations. Ralph DeCicco spoke about the COD Brookline and how they prepared a video on how to help a visually impaired person.**

Item #6: CENSUS 2020

- **Ralph DeCicco stated 53% of Revere has responded to Census. He emphasized the safety of responding. Residents do not need to worry because of their legal status.**

Item #7: Open Forum COD Member & Residents' concerns with ongoing issues, questions, or feedback:

- **Ralph DeCicco ask members for concerns. Enza Goodwin spoke about the monthly SEPAC meeting and how it is being done remotely.**
- **Rick Freni offered his experience and services to SEPAC and how to get the right services to your child when they reach 18.**
- **Robert Bent thank Ralph DeCicco for his dedication to the city.**
- **Ralph DeCicco played the video from the COD Brookline regarding help to people with visual impairments.**

Item #8: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities due to Covid 19 and the safety of all residents is trying to limit in person appointments due to the unavailability and use at our present office location. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday 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 please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon possible.

We are working on solidifying another temporary location for our office for necessary in-person appointments determined by the COD on Friday mornings. We will update this information when available on our Disability page on the City Web site.

As always 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 speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere. **Enza Goodwin read ITEM 8.**

Next Steps:

- Ralph DeCicco mentioned office situation and no in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. Also mentioned HR will post open seat for COD member position with departure of Michelle DeBellis.

Motion to Adjourn: Rick Freni made motion. Pauline Perno 2nd. ALL approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting will be Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM