



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Agenda Meeting - January 14, 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

Roll Call of Members:

PRESENT - Michelle DeBellis, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, Albert Sheridan, Ralph DeCicco, Rick Freni ABSENT - Robert Bent

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2019 - Rick Freni Made Motion to approve. 2nd by Michelle DeBellis

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Ralph DeCicco stated January’s monthly meeting was rescheduled for 1/15/2020. This will be discussed at February 2020 COD meeting.

Item #3: Scheduled January Events / SEPAC Events - SEPAC will host an opportunity for parents of middle and high school to come hear presentations from a speech therapist and occupational therapist on transitioning beyond high school. This event will take place Thursday January 23rd at 5:30 at the Garfield Community School. Enza Goodwin read item 3. Pauline Perno asked about doing a webinar or podcast to for Sepac events. Rick Freni asked how the families are notified regarding the meetings and how he can help. Ralph DeCicco point of interest stated that headsets are available for non English speaking residents through a service.

Item #4: Update on residents concerns brought up at Decembers Meeting - Ralph DeCicco spoke on Planet Fitness concern from a resident. He mentioned that he found out the following information and called the resident. He stated the following: No City Code needed for railings at a gym. The 2nd point the resident pointed out was slippery floors from the showers in the locker room because of the tiles. A state health code states that no one is allowed to walk barefoot in showers at gymnasiums or public places. Rick Freni also advised the use of sandals going forward to avoid foot diseases.

Item #5: Late Items -

Rick Freni told Ralph DeCicco he did a wonderful job at the Council Meeting on the 13th of January 2020. His explanation of the law and the ADA with regards to sidewalks, handicap signs, and even crosswalks was on point. Pauline Perno stated a number of cars were seen down the beach over the nice weekend and she saw several near accidents between cars and pedestrian. This is an ongoing crosswalk issue.

Item #6: Late Items - (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)

Pauline Perno brought up a discussion regarding Service Animals and Social Emotional Animals. Ralph DeCicco spoke about service animal updates and the difference between a service and a therapy animal and how only dogs and miniature horses considered Service animals under the ADA Rick Freni mentioned that maybe we should bring someone from the state with ADA to discuss these concerns, how to go about qualifying for one, and even financing.

Item #7: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback:

Ralph DeCicco mentioned Robert Bent is home from hospital after being there for 3 weeks.

Item #8: Next Steps – Provide ADA Service Animal Information

Item #9: 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. - Michelle DeBellis read Item #9 Reminder.

Motion to Adjourn:

Michelle DeBellis motion to adjourn. 2nd by Rick Freni

Next Meeting will be Tuesday February 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM.