



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda – October 12, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Salute to the Flag

Roll Call of Members: Present Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Asmaa Aabou-Fouda, Mario Grimanis, Jason Barone, Absent-Enza Goodwin

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021

Made by Pauline Perno & second by Asmaa Aabou-Fouda

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from September Meeting:

- Julie DeMauro/ DCR/Mass DOT possible meeting re: issues w/ beach roads and state roads.**
- Ralph DeCicco will be setting up discussions after briefly speaking with Rep. Turco / DCR accessibility on beach areas, need better access for all; more amenities such as beach chairs/ floating wheelchairs, chair and umbrella rentals for all bodied persons;**
- Need updates on trash barrels, construction equipment, vehicles blocking sidewalks and walkways, need for updated more in-depth letter to go to Inspectional Services, Parking Dept., also need to address lighting issue in residential areas (Walnut Ave). Mario and Jason to begin draft letter and Pauline to submit proposed letter before next COD meeting**

Item #3: SEPAC Scheduled October Events & September Updates

- SEPAC September Recap: SEPAC hosted an Open Forum which allowed parents and caregivers to engage with the SEPAC Board. We had a great dialogue which will continue through our next steps. Thank you to School Committee Member Stacey Rizzo and School Committee candidates John Kingston and Aisha Millbury Ellis for attending. Special thanks to our translators.**
- SEPAC October: SEPAC will host a virtual Basic Rights Meeting on Thursday, October 21st at 6pm. Please sign up to learn more about the IEP process**
- Will await update on 10/23 meeting on IEP Process; looking for volunteers for Special Olympics**

Item #4 Disability Collaborative Group and Wellington Circle Study Group Zoom Meetings 9/23/21 and 9/27/21; Currently there is no voice from the disability community; they have however added additional COD folks (Malden and Medford) to this group; Currently looking at Chapter 90 money for roadwork infrastructure and upgrades, with certain % of allocated funds to be designated for accessibility issues, which need to be ADA compliant.

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting on October 6, 2021; See notes above as #4 and 5 were addressed as one unit.

Item #6 Massachusetts Historical Society - Hosting a series of Webinars in October on “Disability and The American Past” Here is the Web site link:

<https://www.masshist.org/calendar/series/disability>

Item #7: Commission on Disabilities Member Vacancy : Continue to accept resumes for this vacancy.

Item #8: Commission Members Late Items:

- Asmaa mentioned there will be a Health and Wellness Fair for all at the Historical Society Museum located at the corner Pleasant and Beach Streets. She will update us during November meeting to let us know about the event and attendance.**
- Also, a reminder was mentioned that voting day is Tuesday November 2, 2021**

Item #9: Residents’ concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum: None

Item #10: 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 as possible.

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.

Next Steps: Draft Letter to be ready to finalize at Next Meeting regarding issues stated in Item #2.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jason and second by Mario

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM