



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda Notes – October 13, 2020 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: Members Present: Ralph DeCicco, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, Robert Bent

Absent: Albert Sheridan

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2020 Approved by Enza Goodwin and Second by Pauline Perno

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from October Meeting

- Ralph DeCicco announced to the Commission members that Vice Chair Rick Freni was stepping down and read a letter he submitted. This is a tremendous loss for our Commission, and we wish him well.

- Ralph DeCicco also spoke regarding an update from the September meeting regarding Commission member Albert Sheridan and former Vice Chair Rick Freni progress on creating a list of address that presently have a HP sign installed. Since Albert was absent from this meeting it was tabled until next month's meeting.

Item #3: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call on October 7, 2020

- Ralph DeCicco mentioned that the Octobers call discussed various city and towns Disability Commissions questioning the necessity/legality/importance of recording COD meetings. During that call he mentioned that Revere had been televising our meetings live along with streaming them on the local cable's YouTube. Channel. He also mentioned that our meetings are rebroadcasted on the local community TV channel for residents to watch anytime. This is so that we have full transparency. If a

resident has a concern or issue of a sensitive manner we could go into Executive session. Since Covid we are also following these procedures. (All Revere Commission members present wayed in on this and fully agreed on our procedures during 10/13 meeting.)

- On the call it was also mentioned that the Disability Summit was discussed on this call and would be taking place virtually on-line this year. The date would be October 29th from 9AM – 1PM**
- There was also a discussion regarding developments asking for parking variances to lower the ratio which also lowers the amount of HP parking spots. Some cities and towns wanted to know what could be done to not allow this to happen. Chair DeCicco mentioned that on the call he explained the problem is the MAAB does not have an amount of parking spaces, it is a ratio formula. The issue is that the ratio is a percentage, not an amount of spaces. It is not an instituted amount of spaces. If the ratio is met, they are meeting the requirements. The AAB would have to change it to have a minimum amount of spaces as opposed to the ratio. Under the present rules cities and towns are following the guidelines. If they are eliminating disabled parking spots for other reasons than there is an issue. The members on the call did not come to any formal decision and agreed that this is an important conversation that they will likely be continuing in the future.**
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Item #4: Scheduled October Events / SEPAC Events

-SEPAC will hold 2 virtual events

- Wednesday, (tomorrow night) October 14th, Boston Center for Independent Living will offer a workshop for teens and young adults ages 14-22 regarding employment (Virtual youth opportunities training) training.**
- Thursday, October 22nd, will offer an open forum which will have Dr Gallucci in attendance to listen to and answer any questions. More information can be found on SEPACS Facebook and Twitter sites.**

Item #5: Late Items

- Ralph DeCicco mentioned he was looking into purchasing specific masks for hearing impaired adults and children through the City and Mayors office.**

Item #6: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum - None

Item #7: 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.

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.

Next Steps:

- Update on Installed_HP Parking Sign Address Location List from Albert and Pauline**
- Update and information on special mask purchase**

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting: Next Meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM