



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – November 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Broadcast Live Via Zoom, Revere TV & Revere TV YouTube Channel

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members Present - Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barone, Mario Grimanis, Robert Brown, **Absent:** Asmaa Al Fouda, Ellie Vargas, Sofia Marmouda (Student Liaison)

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2023 - Made by Jason Barone & Seconded by Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from October 10th Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline regarding calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**

Item #3: Guest Speaker: Deborah Kneeland Keegan from For Kids Only Afterschool will be joining us to talk about their Youth in Motion program and what they offer especially for children with disabilities.

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday November 1st 2023.(Not ready in time for posting. Will provide details during meeting)

- **Discussion on paraprofessionals being called to act as substitute teachers and how this leaves students that they normally assist without the proper help and guidance.**
- **A few cities and towns discussed complete winter overnight parking bans.**
- **Continued discussions from previous monthly meeting on ADA transition planning**

Item #5: SEPAC November/December Events

Information was not available at the time of posting from Robert Brown. Robert reported that there are no updates and there is still no decision on having an election because they have not received any interest from people willing to run.

Item #6: Metropolitan Beaches Commission Annual Hearing on October 31, 2023

- **Attended hearing virtually where new DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo spoke about some initiatives that DCR has begun regarding more informational signage that will be available in multiple languages with the use of QR codes. He also mentioned that they are working to ensure more accessibility for everyone including people with disabilities at public beaches and DCR properties. Revere Beach will have 264 feet of new accessible beach mats so that people with mobility difficulty will be able to go down to the water. I spoke on a few areas of concern that I would like to see DCR address for all public beaches but especially Revere Beach.**

- **The boulevard needs to have more ASL (Audible Signalization Lights) installed. It is very difficult for anyone to cross the boulevard but especially people with disabilities such as visual impairments.**
- **Although 264 feet of beach accessible mats at Revere Beach is a good start, more are needed. DCR must do a better job of maintaining the mats each day when they rake the sand.**
- **Implement better system to access beach mobility chairs along with providing more information on how and where to find them, especially at Revere**
- **Beach. Also make sure there is an adequate supply for use along with providing a way for people to safely store their wheelchair or scooter if applicable.**
- **DCR should look at ways to create a family/quiet area on public beaches or properties to accommodate families especially those with disabilities. This is done at various sports venues throughout the county.**

Item #7: Commission Members Late Items/Information : NONE

Item #8: Residents' concerns/issues – HP Placards & Plates along with HP Parking Spot Process. Ralph DeCicco explained both again in detail.

Item #9: Next Steps: - NONE

Item #10: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like to speak to our department directly, please ask to be transferred to the Disability office. If we are unavailable, please leave a detailed message 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.

Motion to Adjourn: - Made by Robert Brown & Seconded by Pauline Perno

Wished everyone a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving/Holiday

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM