



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Agenda Meeting - February 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 **Led by Ralph DeCicco**

Roll Call of Members: Present - Ralph DeCicco, Rick Freni, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, and Robert Bent via phone. Late - Michele DeBellis. Absent - Albert Sheridan

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2020
Enza Goodwin made motion. Rick Freni seconded the Motion.

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday February 4, 2020. Ralph DeCicco updated with CODA in Mass, there is still a lot to do. Ralph DeCicco can provide a copy of the email/paper info for members.

Item #3: Scheduled February Events / SEPAC Events
SEPAC will host a cookie decorating party for Valentine's on Thursday, February 13th at the Rec. Enza Goodwin cancelled party due to lack of participation.
Save the Date: SEPAC will host our 3rd annual Walk for Autism on Saturday, April 4th at the RHS Field house. Lots of great entertainment planned. More information to be shared soon! Volunteers and donations always welcome.
Enza Goodwin announced the walk. Ralph DeCicco to reach out to Chief Bright for signage boards to announce Walk for Autism Event. Also invite Mobile City hall and Enza Goodwin stated they are looking for more sponsors.

Item #4: Continued discussions and Information regarding ADA Service Animal policies from our January Meeting. Ralph DeCicco pointed to the attached documents and MOD Pamphlets that were handed out meeting clarifying Service animals.

Item #5: HP Parking Spots in Front of Harry Dello Russo Stadium Discussion
Ralph DeCicco discussed HP parking on Park Ave at stadium. Concerns by Rick Freni that if they go up, they will be taken immediately thus not leaving spaces for their intended purpose, which is to provide HP parking during stadium events only. Pauline Perno suggested a permit to shut down Park Avenue except for HP vehicles for RHS 2020 graduation. Ralph DeCicco mentioned the construction of stadium and how HP spaces were to be created on Park Ave but not added.

Item #6: Discussion on Establishing a Disability Parking Patrol Program by adopting state statute Chapter 40 Section 22G. which states: “Any city or town which has accepted the provisions of section eight J is hereby authorized to allocate all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in said city or town to the Commission on Disabilities.” Ralph DeCicco spoke in detail about Chapter 40 Section 22G along with providing documentation to the members. He also discussed HP Parking near commuter rail and bus stops in Revere. He mentioned that the city of Revere should look into the feasibility of having a 2 hours max parking for these signs. The reasoning is because people are taking advantaged and parking at area HP spaces and taking train or bus to work or the airport for 8 hours or more. This was not its intended purpose as patrons with HP ready vehicles cannot find parking to shop or visit the local establishments as most if not all spots are taken up. A motion was asked for and passed to create and send a letter to Mayor Arrigo to including items. Rick will work on letter with Ralph DeCicco to send to Mayor Arrigo’s office.

Item #7: Beginning April 1, every home in Revere will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Federal Census- whether you respond online, by phone, or by mail, the survey is easy and secure. Your information is protected and used only for the purpose of getting an accurate population count. Ralph DeCicco explained Census

Item #8: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback: Resident Rocco Falzone spoke briefly of plastic straws and banning the vote. Ralph DeCicco told him the City Council motion was tabled and there is currently no ban on plastic straws in Revere. He also explained A City Council motion process.

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

Next Steps Ralph DeCicco and Rick Freni will create a letter regarding HP Parking on Park Ave along with HP Signs near commuter stops. Also a second letter regarding adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Sect. 22G. Both letters will then be sent to Mayors office.

Motion to Adjourn: Pauline Perno made motion, 2nd by Robert Bent on telephone and Michelle DeBellis.

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