



## **CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Meeting Notes – February 9, 2021 6:00 PM**

**Ralph DeCicco - Chair**

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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 -Chair, Pauline Perno, Enza Goodwin, Asmaa Aabou Fouda & Jason Barone Absent-Brian Vesce & Robert Bent**

**Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021- Motion by Enza Goodwin and second by Jason Barone**

**Item #2 Introduction of New Commission Member - Brian Vesce. tabled, not available for this meeting**

**Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from January Meeting**

- Clear mask form has been finalized with the addition of Disabilities Commission email address and phone number . The form is available to download on the Disability page on the City web site and hopefully all forms will be available in a fillable electronic form.**
- Broadway Corridor Signalization Project: In progress on Broadway, along with Handicapped cutouts, new ASD signal equipment. city can look for additional funds to continue with this project (MOD Grant not awarded to Revere). Another area to look at ASD Signalization is Lee Burbank Highway / Revere Street acknowledge that there is a significant need for additional ASD, red tape due to jurisdictional constraints. The corner of Revere Street and Lee Burbank Highway has already been completed and added new ASF Signalization last fall.**

**Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call on February 3, 2021 - No formal agenda; discussion was focuses on community trying to establish a Disability Commission.**

#### **Item #5: SEPAC Events & Updates / Scheduled February Events**

- SEPAC hosted a meeting on Thursday, January 21st. Rick Freni presented on programs and opportunities for young men and women 18 and over. We had 4 participants in attendance.
- SEPAC will host an open forum with Dr. Gallucci from Revere Public Schools. He will answer questions from parents of RPS who have students on IEP or 504 plans. Flyers will be shared soon for registration. **Update in March**

**Item #6: Commission Members Late Items** **A letter created and approved by the Commission at last month's meeting was sent to Revere Police Chief Callahan containing concerns of lighting, accessibility, and safety for our disability community. The Commission also invited him to attend a future Commission Meeting if he would like**

#### **Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum**

**There were no residents present at this meeting. A brief discussion By Ralph DeCicco regarding a meeting with Elle Baker from the Revere Community Planning Department regarding the redevelopment and construction of a fully accessible/ ADA compliant playground at Ambrose Park playground. This will include walkways, ramps to equipment, sight / sound station , and visual boards. She will be looking for involvement from neighbors and SEPAC community. More information to come in the following weeks.**

#### **Item #8: 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 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 the City of Revere's Web Site Disability page.**

**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:**

**Motion to Adjourn: Made by Enza Goodwin and Second by Jason Barone**

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