



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – March 12, 2024 @ 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,

Absent: Ellie Vargas

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024 - Made by Jason Barone & Seconded by Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Guest Speaker: None

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from February 13, 2024 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline regarding calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Any Update on Communication with Councilor Haas regarding Somerville snow program and other ideas we mentioned at our last meeting. Councilor Hass Joined us during our meeting and we all discussed the program along with ideas of it being a 4-season approach. COD will also be included in any and all communications and discussion surrounding this model moving forward.**

Item #4: Reminder regarding a Survey

As part of a grant received by the ADA Coordinator and Public Health Department, we are asking for your help to fill out a survey regarding the George V. Colella Community Center at the Garfield School.

We are looking to target seniors, people, and families with disabilities, and people with racial and financial injustices. The George V Colella Community Center is located within the Garfield School (176 Garfield Ave) and is operated by the Parks & Recreation Department. The Community Center features a swimming pool and many more programs and activities. If you are a Revere resident, we need your help in completing this survey to understand your needs.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and matters to us.

The Survey Will Be Open Until The End of Day on March 18th 2024.

Here are the 4 links:



English Survey Link: [here](#) or click on QR Code

Spanish Survey Link: [here](#) or click on QR Code



Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday March 6th.

- **Various COD Commissions discussed the MOD Grant program. Specifically, if anyone knows why a City or town is awarded or denied.**
- **COD Commission Members had questions along with discussions regarding if cities and towns offered transportation services for people with disabilities to the polls on election Days. Along with why and why not.**

Item #6: SEPAC February/March Events: (Provided by Juie Brown- President of SEPAC)

- **At the last SEPAC meeting, discussions were had on the start of their document archive that lists resources available in our community for SEPAC members and other households dealing with disabilities. It can be found here and was distributed at the meeting:**
https://docs.google.com/document/u/3/d/11x4wFbJqyoGNbWAlOsYvczr9MxM2IHXR_qGbCz5mE3E/edit?usp=drive_w eb&pli=1
- **Next SEPAC meeting is on 3/28 at 6PM at the Revere Learning Commons and will have a zoom link option. Flyer will be distributed shortly. The meeting will focus on inclusion opportunities within our community.**
- **They are working on scheduling Apr - June trainings and will be including “Know Your Rights training, the new IEP Process, and Conservatorships.”**

Item #7: We applied for a grant through Save The Haror/Save The Bay. If we are awarded the grant, we would be planning an Event called “All-Abilities Day at the Beach”. This would take place one day in the summer at Revere Beach. This event would be similar to the one that Triangle Inc has held for the past several years at Constitution Beach in East Boston.

Item #8: Commission Members Late Items/Information:

Item #9: Residents’ concerns/issues

Making the community aware of potential problems when you have working service animals (dogs) which are unrestrained or improperly restrained. People need to know the city regulations i.e.: leash law, know where your pets/animals are at all times and be mindful of persons using services animals (dogs)

Item #10: Next Steps:

- **Any Grant Updates**
- **Calander Guest Invite updates**

Item #11: 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 answer most questions, but if they are unable to or if you want to speak to our department directly or schedule an appointment, 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 tell us if you want something discussed or 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 Pauline Perno & Second by Jason Barrone

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday April 9th, 2024 at 6:00 PM