



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – June 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Ralph DeCicco - Chair Pauline Perno - Vice Chair

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

Please click the link below to join the webinar

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023 Made By Jason Barrone, Second by Pauline Perno

Item #2: Guest Speaker-Michael Hinjosa Director of Revere Parks and Recreation Department.

- **They have 9 Full time staff, 1 Pt time staff and are looking to expand**
- **Working on opening the Hass Health And Wellness center 321 Charger Street
 - **For All Ages/Abilities.**
 - **Hours of Operation may be 5 Am – 9 Pm Daily**
 - **New equipment, automated weights for all abilities**
 - **Both small group exercise/open gym times****
- **Mentioned that Jenn Duggan is the point person for Adaptive programing.**
- **Much more information was discussed and can be seen from the recorded meeting**
The direct link for the meeting is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AptpGAvxH6A>

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from June 13th Meeting

- **Any Updates from Pauline regarding Calendar for future monthly guest speakers-**
- **Any Follow up/ Update information regarding Therapy Dog agencies from Pauline or Robert. They have both reached out to several agencies/companies and are still waiting to hear back.**
- **Revisit HP Violation Fines increase Draft letter. Tabled Until August**

Item #4: SEPAC June/July Events

Robert Brown mentioned that the SEPAC Board election has been delayed until the start of the next school year

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom meeting June 7, 2023 Shortened meeting because of Members needing to attend State meeting.

- **City and Town OC/ADA members discussed AAB Timelines**
- **Discussions regarding Hp Violations/Fines along with what monies collected under MA General Law Chapter 40, Section 22G can be used for by municipalities that have voted for and adopted this provision.**

- **Discussions Regarding July is the 33rd Anniversary for the signing of the ADA. Various municipalities mentioned planned events this year and ideas moving forward for years to come.**
- **Discussions Regarding 2 State Budget items:**
 - **Looking at Alternative Housing Programs for Disabled/Homeless Residents**
 - **Medical Equipment Programs**

Item #6: Commission Members Late Items –

- **MOD Quarterly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday June 7th: The topic was Service Animals in the Public Setting. Also, only Dogs and miniature horses are considered Service animals under the ADA.**
 - **The discussion was on what only two clarify questions can be asked for screening a person.**
 - A. Is this a service animal?**
 - B. What specific task are they performing?**
- **Delta Airlines has announced that planes will be retrofitted and modified to allow wheelchairs to be docked in place of a stationary seat. The seat in place can be removed to allow and accommodate this.**
- **Jason Barrone mentioned that the RMV is backlogged through July**

Item #7: Residents' concerns: None

Item #8: Next Steps:

Discussions on Items carried over

Item #9: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities number is 781-286-8267. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday when you call our office number. They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail 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 Pauline Perno and seconded by Ellie Vargas

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday August 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM