



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – June 14, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Ralph DeCicco - Chair Pauline Perno - Vice Chair

Email: disabilities@revere.org Phone: 781-286-8267

Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

Please click the link below to join the webinar

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/879 9134 6824](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87991346824)

Or Telephone: US: +1 929 205 6099

Webinar ID 879 9134 6824

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Asmaa Aabou-Fouda, Mario Grimanis, Robert Brown, Jason Barrone (quorum met)

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2022:

Made by Jason Barrone 2nd by Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from May Meeting

- **Per Pauline's call to BCIL, there is no formal training used to educate groups regarding (silent / invisible)disabilities; suggestion made to create our own "template" for "Disability for a Day". Pauline to continue to create a program for education on disabilities.**

Item #3: SEPAC May Updates/June-July Events

- **Robert Brown will provide an update (Not ready in time for Meeting Agenda posting): SEPAC Election results from 6/6/2022**
President - Robert Brown
Vice President - Vacant
Treasurer - Alexandra Desmond
Secretary - Enza Goodwin
Liaison - Jackie Roy
- **Currently an issue that remains for SEPAC is translation of information into all necessary languages (google doesn't always translate equally) best way to convey information is via email, however many parents do not routinely check emails and may miss vital information. Use of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other platforms may be useful especially when utilized on a regular basis, adding information from SEPAC to city pages and calendar may also support SEPAC efforts.**
- **Next SEPAC Meeting Tuesday 6/21 at RHS - Robert will provide update in August meeting**
- **Asmaa reports on swimming lessons, parks and lifeguards throughout the city.**

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting May 4, 2022.

- **Discussions regarding accessibility in privately-owned old medical buildings: how to advocate for it, what other COD's or individuals have done, what laws or overseeing agencies might be applicable.**

- **Discussions about AAB Variances and timing: how it works in municipalities where it works as intended, and approaches that might help in municipalities where it's a mess. Somerville in particular is having trouble getting ahold of variances with enough time to review, consider, and respond to them.**
- **The town of Acton briefly spoke about the rentable adaptive bikes program they have started on the rail trail there. (This led to our COD discussing at our meeting the needs on the Revere Beach area were discussed, use of adaptive equipment to access the beach area, use of bicycles for the disabled population ... need a meeting among agencies (DCR, Revere Tourism etc) to further address, evaluate and create an action plan.)**

Item #5: MBTA Virtual Meeting May 26, 2022 Discussions regarding the Ride program. MBTA Ride Program- People need to reapply on 7/1/2022, program changes to MBTA Ride Flex, sign on for UBER / Lyft ; improvements include real time updates, actual person on customer service end providing direct communication with driver, smaller window of pickup times (10 minutes)

Item #6: Commission on Disability looking to fill a Vacancy : applicants can contact Human Resources department web page via the City of Revere's Web Site to find application.

Item #7: Communications: None

Item #8: Commission Members Late Items

- **Parks and Rec to sponsor All Abilities Softball at Griswold Park call 781-286-8190 to register**
- **City will be having a Juneteenth celebration 6/26 11:30 Am -2 Pm**

Item #9: Residents' concerns/issues : Ongoing concerns from Residents regarding handicap parking because of those who park illegally. More enforcement needed.

Item #10: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities is working remotely. 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 department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon 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 al the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Next Steps: None

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Mario Grimanis 2nd Jason Barrone

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday August 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM (No July Meeting)