



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda Notes – December 10, 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, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Vargas, Annmarie Fiore Absent: Pauline Perno

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2024 - Made by Jason Barrone & Second by Mario Grimanis.

Item #2: Guest Speaker: None

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from November 12, 2024 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Draft letter from Pauline**

Item #4: Discussion regarding the Community Music Center of Boston Proposal. As a Commission, we always seek programs we can implement in Revere to benefit children and young adults with disabilities.

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Meeting Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- **DPC will be hiring for a few positions, such as a Community Organizer, Executive Assistant, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ombudsman. For more information and to apply, visit their website at <https://www.dpcma.org/>**
- **DPC also mentioned that the next Legislative session begins again in January. Soon after, they will start having advocacy updates for the new session.**
- **Newburyport COD spoke about a new program they will be implementing called Project Lifesaver. They will partner with their local Police Department and Council on Aging. This technology has a success rate of being able to locate a lost individual within 30 minutes, much faster than others. Their initial cost to implement this will be approximately \$9800 for the first year. This includes wrist or ankle transponders for 14 individuals, along with equipment for three police cars and other equipment needed to be installed throughout the community. All the training necessary for the police officers will also be included. More information on this technology can be found at <https://projectlifesaver.org/>**
- **Various CODs discussed construction-related issues causing accessible route problems for pedestrians.**

Item #6: Commission Members Late Items/Information:

Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues- None

Item #8: Next Steps:

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Draft letter from**
- **Annmarie will contact Music Therapy Agency with other questions discussed at this meeting in order to create a formal plan for Music Therapy Program - Possibly include 3 preliminary workshops. COD is looking to present letter with information to Revere Parks and Rec center on partnership. (COD will fund this)**

Item #9: 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 cannot or if you want to talk to our department directly, ask to be transferred to the Disability office. Please leave a detailed message, and someone will get back to you soon.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you want something discussed or added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can also let us know if you want to speak about 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 Mario Grimanis & Second by Ellie Vargas.

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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