



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda Notes – February 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

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Roll Call of Members Present: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Vargas, Annmarie Fiore

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2025, Made by Pauline Perno & Seconded by Ellie Vargas.

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from January 12, 2025 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Finalization of Draft letter from Pauline regarding crossing safety at the beach to send.**
 - **Motion was made by Pauline Perno and seconded by Ellie Vargas to approve the final letter and send to Representative Turco. Voted and approved by all COD members.**
- **Continued discussion from the January Meeting led by Annmarie on creating a Formal Plan for the Music Therapy Program, which will be Item #4 on this Agenda.**

Item #3: 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 #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- **DPC (Disability Policy Consortium) is starting a new project initiative called Documentation For a Person With a Disability and is looking for participants. Contact them directly for more information.**
- **DPC mentioned that a member of their staff who is also part of the Status of People with Disabilities Commission has helped release a report on that information.**
- **DPC spoke about MWILC (Metro West Independent Living Center) looking for people to participate in a WGBG project on why municipalities should have an option for a hybrid component in public meetings. Examples of how this benefits people, especially the Disability community. Contact MWILC for more information.**
- **DPC will hold a legislative meet-and-greet at the State House on 2/13/25. They will share their advocacy plans and priorities for 2025. Contact them directly for more information.**
- **The Newton COD spoke about how their community has a yearly event called “Operation Access.” This year, it was held in December. It involves local law enforcement/Parking Control to enforce and ticket anyone illegally parked in a HP spot or access aisle. The Mayor’s office ensures that the community knows well in advance that this will occur in multiple ways. It was also mentioned that Waltham and Burlington may still have a similar program**

- **Acton COD mentioned that their community will submit an RFP Request for a Bike share program. Their COD wants to ensure they have all the correct language and requirements to be included for adaptable bikes. They are looking for input from other communities who have done this to make sure that they can have their community make sure that the language has specific needs for adaptable bike requirements.**

Item #5: Commission Members' Late Informational items:

Item #6: Residents' concerns/issues NONE

Item #7: Next Steps:

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding Revere Beach crossing safety.**
- **Update to Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department**

Item #8: 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 Jason Barrone & Second by Mario Grimanis.**

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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