



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda – March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Ralph DeCicco - Chair Pauline Perno - Vice Chair

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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 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 February 11, 2025 Made by Mario Grimanis & Seconded by Ellie Vargas.

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from February 11, 2025 Meeting

- **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 #3 on the Agenda)**

Item #3: Discussion regarding the Community Music Center of Boston Proposal.

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

- **DPC (Disability Policy Consortium) mentioned that they have released their 2025 Advocacy Agenda, which can be found on their website**
- **DPC mentioned that CCA (Commonwealth Care Alliance) has faced challenging financial challenges. The disability community relies heavily on this agency, so DPC has asked the State to take them into Receivership.**
- **DPC mentioned they are evaluating how they will support advocacy with their state and local partners on the Federal level.**
- **The Newburyport COD gave an update on the program; they will implement Project Lifesaver. Their police department will begin training soon**

Item #5: Commission Members' Late Informational Items

- **Commission Member Ellie Vargas mentioned attending the Capital for a Press meeting with "Hands Off on Housing" because a letter was sent to the new Director of HUD, but Access was denied. There were approximately 150 people present, including Representatives from Non-Profit organizations and Federal Employees. More information can be found online regarding this event.**

- **Commission Chair DeCicco provided an update that the Revere Commission on Disabilities was once again graciously awarded a grant this year from the “Save the Bay/Save the Harbor Better Beach” program. The award letter we received went on to say that the Revere Commission in Disabilities was one of the 75 recipients that received this grant out of 168 organizations and individuals that applied.**

This is the grant that enabled us to host the first All-Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach last August. With this award, we will be able to have this event this year. Not only were we awarded this grant, but it increased from last year's amount of \$3,500 to \$5,000. I have submitted our letter of Memorandum and acceptance. The next steps include attending mandatory meetings and applying for DCR permits. We are looking to host this Event on a Saturday in August and ensure we do not conflict with the San Castle and Row Row to Revere event. Seeking additional ways to promote this event and enhance its offerings from Commission Members and City Hall Departments.

Item #6: Residents' concerns/issues : None

- **Commission Chair DeCicco has just mentioned that the City IT Department has now resolved the issue with the Commission on Disabilities phone. Voicemails can now be left when you call the number, and someone will return your call.**

Item #7: Next Steps:

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- **Update to Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding Revere Beach crossing**

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 discuss any concerns. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

- **Motion to Adjourn: Made by Mario Grimanis and seconded by Annmarie Fiore.**

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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