



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda Notes – Tuesday June 10, 2025 @ 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, Pauline Perno, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Annmarie Fiore Absent: Ellie Vargas

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 13th, 2025 Made by Jason Barrone & Seconded by Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from May 13th, 2025 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers. This entails Pauline following up with a specific company regarding their programming to see if they can join our June meeting. Would also like to discuss with them to be a part of our All Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach event on Saturday, August 9th.**
- **Update from Annmarie regarding Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department. During the meeting, Annmarie mentioned she was awaiting a new flyer.**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding the Revere Beach crossing safety concerns. Specifically, Ellie was going to contact his office directly to update the Commission. Tabled and no update since Ellie was absent.**

Item #3: Guest Speaker: Robert Dunn, Program Coordinator and Equipment Manager from Waypoint Adventure. During the Meeting, Robert reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the various programs they offer. Please refer to the recording of the meeting through the Revere TV YouTube page, in which the link for the entire meeting is provided above.

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Meeting for Wednesday June 4th

- **DPC (Disability Policy Consortium) mentioned that their research department is working on two projects for which they are looking for participants. They are looking for People in the Springfield area with disabilities who are Spanish speaking for the first project. For the second project, they are seeking disabled participants who have a PCA for a Task force. For more information, please contact DPC directly at DPC (617) 307-7775.**
- **DPC also mentioned that they would be having a Legislative briefing in person at the State House regarding the Wheelchair reform bills on Tuesday morning, June 11th.**
- **Newburyport COD mentioned that they are trying to purchase two adaptive 3-wheel bikes for the Ride Share Bike program run by their municipality.**
- **Boston COD mentioned that they will be having an ADA 35 Celebration on Wednesday, July 23. This will be a March and Rally. For more information be go to www.boston.gov/ADA35**

Item #5: All Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach, COD member discussions regarding vendor ideas and activities.

During the meeting, it was discussed that:

- **DCR Permit was approved and received**
- **Ads have been taken out in both the Revere Journal and the Revere Advocate to run for the entire month of July**
- **DCR Universal Access will be at the event**
- **Confirmation from Revere Parks and Recreation to supply needed tables, tents, chairs, games, and youth workers**
- **Save The Bay/ Save the Harbor will have a table**
- **Mass Office on Disabilities will have a table**
- **Waiting for confirmation from Revere 311 if they will have an informational table**
- **Waiting to hear if Revere Public Health/City Liaisons will have an informational table**
- **Waiting for confirmation from Revere TV, Revere Journal, and Revere Advocate for coverage on the day of event.**

Item #6 Any Items from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) for Variances.

- **Received 1 Variance Application from AAB on a request by Washington Sherman LLC for WEST ONE - 810 Washington Avenue. THIS PROJECT IS A NEW CONSTRUCTION, 4-STORY, 30-UNIT RESIDENTIAL RENTAL BUILDING. THIS BUILDING INCLUDES A RESIDENTIAL LOBBY, BIKE PARKING, RESIDENTIAL STORAGE AND A PARKING GARAGE ON THE GROUND FLOOR FOR 36 VEHICLES**
 - **We are requesting a variance from the requirements of 521 CMR Section 44.6.1(a), which requires the rim of a bathtub in Group 2 dwelling units to be between 16 and 18 inches above the finish floor. In (2) of our Group 2 units, the installed bathtub rim measures 18.75 inches above the finished floor, exceeding the upper limit by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. While this does not meet the strict dimensional criteria of 521 CMR, the deviation is minimal and does not present a measurable barrier to use or access.**

Item #7: Chapter 40 Section 22 HP Funds Collected Discussion

Funds collected for HP fines are put into a revolving fund in which the COD can discuss best uses along with suggestions from the Administration. These collected funds can only be used for: and can only be used for:

- **Programs that benefit Revere residents with Disabilities**
- **Improvements of Municipal buildings or property that increase accessibility for residents with disabilities.**
- **Cannot be used for individuals**
- **Cannot be used to pay for anything concerning a private or non-profit business or agency**
- **Must abide by the Anti-Aid Amendment under the State.**

The COD can use these funds, and in some cases, approval of the Administration may be needed.

Starting next Fiscal Year, which begins July 2025 the COD will be given a quarterly update by the Chair as to how much is in this account.

Item #8: Commission Members' Late Informational Items

- **June 1st, there was an All Abilities Softball Game hosted by the Revere Recreation Center**
- **On Sunday, June 8th, the Revere Recreation Center had their annual Sensory Adventures Day run by Ms. Sally. The event was highly successful and well-attended.**

Item #9: Residents' concerns/issues None

Item #10: Next Steps:

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers**
- **Update from Annmarie regarding Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department.**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding the Revere Beach crossing safety concerns. Specifically, Ellie was going to contact his office directly to update the Commission.**
- **Update and thoughts regarding All Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach Event on Saturday August 9th**

Item #11: 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 are unable to assist you or if you prefer to talk with the Commission directly, please ask to be transferred to the Disability Office. Please leave a detailed message, and we will respond to you shortly.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like 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 disabled residents and their families in Revere.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jason Barrone & Seconded by Mario Grimanis

- **No July Meeting. Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

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