



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes– August 13, 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 Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Vargas, Annmarie Fiore - (All Present)

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from June 11th, 2024. (No Meeting in July) Made by Mario Grimanis & Second by Jason Barrone.

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from June 11, 2024 Meeting

- Updates from Pauline regarding calendar for future monthly guest speakers.
- Any Grant Update regarding Save the Harbor/Save The Bay - Better Beaches Program
- All-Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach Event on Saturday August 17th from 10 AM - 2 PM



(Website for more Information & To Pre-Register on Flyer not working properly)

For More Information & Sign up to Pre-Register 8/13/24 Here is the Direct Link:

https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_list_detail.cfm?season_id=31433&program_id=2311437

Item #3: Guest Speaker (TBD) None

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-

Monthly CODA Zoom Meeting on Wednesday July 3, 2024. (Informal not to many attendees)

- **DPC announced that they have started their search for a new Executive Director.**
- **DPC also mentioned and there were discussions on Various bills that they are hoping to help get pushed through the legislature that have an impact on people with disabilities before the legislation session ends.**
- **COD Commission members discussed ideas on how cities and towns can come up with and create an action plan if a resident that uses an electric wheelchair breaks down outside in their community and needs assistance. There will be more discussions and ideas on this topic in future monthly meetings.**

Monthly CODA Zoom Meeting on Wednesday August 7 2024.

- **DPC announced that MADPH (MA Department of Public Health)Zoom Listening Session for People With Disabilities on Tuesday August 13th 6 Pm 7:30 Pm.**
[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJCOD-QTPJGIGNZD3VCVET-HDETGGK6YRK_V](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjcod-qtpjgignzd3vcvet-hdetggk6yrk_v)



- **Discussion were had during meeting regarding Web Accessibility and new WCAG regulations. Various cities and towns were looking for ideas and suggestions along with others sharing information on what they are working on and looking to do.**
- **Discussion on PCA's in regards to Public Housing Issues. A member from a local COD is looking for suggestions on where to get answers on an issue. She mentioned that their housing authority has now included language regarding items, one of which is that PCA's need to be paid who are staying in the residence and included on the lease. Her question and issue is have they spoken to the proper entities because this can cause issues and what if it is a family member. Where can she go to for help and answers.**
- **COD Members from various cities and towns had a discussion on on-boarding processes and ideas for new COD Board members. They are looking for guidance and if anyone has a documented process.**

Item #5: SEPAC (Provided by Juie Brown- President of SEPAC)

- **SEPAC is not meeting again until the School year begins**
- **They are always looking for any and all interested parties to join them! Either as Board Members or volunteers or overall support. Anyone interested in getting more involved in SEPAC Revere can send an email to sepacrevere@gmail.com or call Julie Brown at 617-817-2653**

Item #6: Commission Members Late Items/Information: None

Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues: None

Item #8: Next Steps:

- **Follow up on Calendar and Guest Speakers**
- **Discussion and recap of All-Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach event on August 17th.**

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 are unable to or if you want to speak to our department directly, ask to be transferred to the Disability office. Please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

As always, please tell us if you want something discussed or 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 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 Tuesday September 10th, 2024 at 6:00 PM