



## **CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Meeting Notes – September 10, 2024 @ 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 Present: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Annmarie Fiore. Absent: Ellie Vargas**

**Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from August 13th, 2024.**

- **Made by Mario Grimanis & Second by Jason Barrone.**

**Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from August 13, 2024 Meeting**

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Recap and discussion regarding All-Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach Event on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Item #3: Guest Speaker:**

- **Karen Kage, who is the CEO and Founder of [KidvoKit](#)**

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

**Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024.**

**Meeting notes were not available in time for posting.**

**(Here are the notes received after posting)**

#### **Announcements**

- **The formal legislative session ended in July, but lawmakers are still meeting on a few pieces of legislation**
- **The Long-Term Care bill was approved by both chambers and awaiting the governor's signature. This includes Estate Recovery provisions, and we are hopeful it will pass.**
- **DPC is in the process of hiring a new ED and a new DHH Ombudsman**

#### **Discussions**

- **Somerville COD member had questions regarding HP Parking Enforcement on Private Property, and discussions were had.**
- **Boston COD member mentioned and discussed their next meeting is September 8. They also talked about their Civic Engagement Day Event on September 24**

**Item #5: SEPAC (Julie Brown- President of SEPAC)**

- **No new updates available in time for posting.**
- **They are always looking for any 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](mailto:sepacrevere@gmail.com) or call Julie Brown at 617-817-2653**

**Item #6: Commission Members Late Items/Information:**

- **DCR Universal Access Program has released the Fall 2024 Program Schedule. It includes many significant events for people of all abilities, especially those who use mobility devices.**
- **For more information and to sign up for their newsletter, visit: [mass.gov/dcr/access](https://mass.gov/dcr/access)**

**Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues: None**

**Item #8: Next Steps:**

- **Follow up and any updates for future monthly meeting Calendar and Guest Speakers**

**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 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, please let us know 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 Pauline Perno & Second by Mario Grimanis**

**Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM**