

**CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – MARCH 12, 2019 6:00 PM
REVERE CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Ralph DeCicco - Chair Rick Freni - Vice Chair
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Salute to the Flag

Roll Call of Members: Present Enza Goodwin, Albert Sheridan, Robert Bent, Michelle DeBellis and Ralph DeCicco.

Absent Rick Freni and Pauline Perno

Item#1 Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2018 (Meeting Agenda carried over from February Cancellation).... Approved by Robert Bent and second by Enza Goodwin

Item #2: CODA- (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday February 6, 2019. We received word that Tom Hopkins who was the Executive Director at the State Architectural Access Board had passed away. He was very instrumental with helping with various issues that Cities and town CODs faced along with disabled resident. He will be deeply missed. Also Evan Bjorkland who has been the Acting Executive director has moved on and the position is now vacant We had discussions regarding updates regarding the AAB Bill that CODA will again try to help get passed through both houses of the state legislature. Item #3 will go into further detail. I also had a call on Wednesday March 6th and discussions involved the vacant position at the AAB (Architectural Access Board) and if city and town Disability Commissions could send letters in support of having this position filled.

Item #3: Lenora Somervell from DPC (Disability Policy Consortium) and also a member of CODA will have a presentation for our members regarding the AAB bills.

Lenny Somervell gave a presentation on the AAB Bills. She also gave out a handout about the bills. This bill has support of our commission. Hearing should be held in June the date to be advertised. Joan Moscillo from Speaker Robert Deleo's office and Rick Serino from Representative Roselee Vincent's Office were present and in support of the bills.

Item#4: Update on State MOD ADA Planning Grant for FY 2019: Revere was awarded \$125,000 FY19 Planning grant. This money will be used to hire a consultant to do a self evaluation and transition plan for the city of Revere of Municipal buildings departments and infrastructure. Commissioner DeCicco has just completed the Statement of Work proposal and documents in which he submitted for review at the proper department in City Hall so that it can go out for a bid proposal.

Item #5: Update on HP Accessible Electronic Door Openers. Went out to bid only received one back and it was much higher than we stated it can exceed in the proposal so we will be sending back out to bid soon.

Item #6: Revere Post Office Building. Our Commission received numerous complaints in January regarding the rear HP accessible door being locked and also the HP parking signs in the parking lot being painted over in solid blue. We reached out to the Revere ISD and they contacted the owner and were told that they are waiting for a part for the door but would leave it open and also rectify the sign situation. The Disability Commission has still been receiving calls about this issue. We received a call most recently on March 11 so we contacted ISD again to follow up with the owner of the property because this has been taking too long and is a disservice not only dabled residents but also seniors who park in the rear lot and try to enter from the rear entrance door.

Item #7: Scheduled Events

January Recap:

Thank you to Ms Sally and Ms. Diane at the Rec for hosting us for a cooking night. Children and their parents enjoyed preparing pizza and we given an ice cream treat at the end of the night.

A big thanks to Ms. Jackie Roy for offering an ABA strategies presentation to parents. Parents gained valuable information from an amazing teacher.

February:

Revere Rec and City of Revere have partnered with Special Olympics. Beginning Saturday, February 9th, Young Athletes kicks off for ages 3-7 and basketball for ages 8 and up.

Our Valentine's Day party took place on Monday, February 11th. Children enjoyed sensory stations, cupcake decorating and dancing.

March Events:

SEPAC held a dining for dollars night at Uno's on Monday, March 11th. Money raised supports our programs.

Our parent meeting for March will take place Monday, March 18th at the RHS Learning Commons. Mr. Mahen will present on the topic of ADHD. All are welcome to attend.

Please join us Sunday, April 7th for our 2nd annual Walk for Autism. This is our annual fundraiser and family friendly community event.

**Walk taken place at Revere High field house. Please come out to join us
We are also still accepting donations for our raffle.**

Item #8: Old Business-

- **Grant follow up Information on possibilities from Vice Chair Rick Freni**
- **Continued Discussion and Ideas on COD Sub Committees and Duties:**
Both Tabled until next meeting

Item #9 Late Items: (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)

None

Item #10: Open Forum – Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback-

None

Item #11: Next Steps

COD Information Table at Sepac Autism Walk on April 7th - Robert Bent said he could run it.

Item #12 Reminder-

The Commission on Disabilities has office hours on Fridays from 8:15-12:15 in the Veterans Services Office in the rear of the Legion Building at 249R Broadway which is next door to City Hall. You can call for an appointment if you would like but do not need one. You will be able to talk to someone from our 311 Constituent Service Center on other days when you call our office at 781-286-8267 They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our office they can transfer you to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as they can. Also please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to come and 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 Robert Bent and second by Enza Goodwin

Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM.