

**CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**AGENDA – September 11, 2018 6:00 PM**  
**REVERE CITY HALL - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Ralph DeCicco - Chair      Rick Freni - Vice Chair**  
Email: [disabilities@revere.org](mailto:disabilities@revere.org)      Phone: 781-286-8267



**Salute to the Flag**

**Moment of Silence for 9/11 victims and responders**

**Roll Call of Members**

**PRESENT: Ralph DeCicco, Rick Freni, Michelle DeBellis, Enza Goodwin and Robert Bent**

**Item#1 Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes on August 8, 2018**

**Robert Bent makes motion to accept the minutes, Rick Freni 2nds the motion and Ralph DeCicco states motion approved.**

**Item #2: CODA- (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday September 5th.**

**Ralph DeCicco spoke about understanding mental health issues and all degrees of mental health. We would like to put a pamphlet together regarding mental health to assist all city agencies and departments. Other cities 1st responders are currently trained in working with the mental health community. We should see what training and knowledge our first responders have. This will be discussed further.**

**Item #3: Follow up on Revere Recreation Discussions regarding programs for Children of All Abilities.**

**Enza Goodwin discussed the meeting held at the Rec with the local special needs advocates; include Asst Superintendent Joshua Vadala, Rick Freni, Nick Romano from the Mayor's office and others from SEPAC. Ideas and feedback were discussed including the Special Olympics hopefully to begin in January 2019.**

**Robert Bent asked that we reach out to all special education classes to make sure they are aware of upcoming events.**

**Enza Goodwin responded that is has been tough to get volunteers in past events especially from teachers who have just finished their shift at school. Enza also mentioned that Keith Malone is working with teachers in training to possibly volunteer for these events.**

#### **Item #4: Scheduled Events for September**

**9/17 SEPAC meeting: Back to school meet and greet with district personnel**

**9/24 SEPAC family event: Back to school ice cream social. More information can be found on SEPAC's Facebook page. Enza Goodwin also discussed upcoming events for SEPAC and the monthly meeting held at 6pm at the Rec Center.**

#### **Item #5: Old Business-**

- **Continued Discussion and Ideas on COD Sub Committees and Duties: Ralph DeCicco tabled this as meeting for sporting, art, and Special Olympic events are already being discussed with special need advocates across the community.**
- **Follow-up update on Children's Full Inclusion Art Program: Rick Freni stated that the Rec Center can accommodate this program and is looking at 330 to 430 on Thursdays. Robert Bent stated he has Target providing volunteers to assist with the Art program. Rick mentioned we are looking at a mid to late October start for the Art Program. Enza Goodwin suggested that we should move program to 4 to 5pm as some schools have extended day programs. Michelle DeBellis spoke about marketing and advertising these events to the community and setting up registrations. Ralph DeCicco mentioned an idea that we could accept the registrations over the phone at the COD office. He also brought up and discussed about the creation of an online registration for the participants. Lastly Rick stated these events must be attended by the participant's parent and/or guardians. He mentioned these are not drop off programs and there strict guidelines that the parent/guardian must attend.**
- **Update On Accessibility Surveys: Ralph DeCicco spoke that he has only received a couple of surveys and asked the board to please submit their surveys.**

#### **Item #8: Late Items: (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)**

**Ralph DeCicco spoke about two openings on the COD board and asked if we the board knew of anyone interested to please contact Ralph. These positions will be posted on the city's site once HR is instructed.**

#### **Item #9: Open Forum – Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback-**

**N/A as no one in the chamber.**

**Item #10: Next Step**

**Ralph DeCicco will be working with the Mayor's office for job postings and outstanding issues.**

**Ralph DeCicco and the board wished fellow board member Robert Bent good luck on his upcoming surgery.**

**Item #11 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:**

**Ralph DeCicco asks for board to make a motion to Adjourn. Robert Bent made the motion and Michelle DeBellis 2nd the motion. Motion passed.**

**Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday October 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM.**