



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda / Notes– April 13, 2021 6:00 PM

Ralph DeCicco – Chair Pauline Perno - Vice Chair

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Roll Call of Members: Present Ralph DeCicco-Chair, Pauline Perno-Vice Chair, Asmaa Abou-Fouda, Jason Barone, Enza Goodwin Absent: Robert Bent

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from April13, 2021

Made by Pauline Perno / Second by Jason Barone

Item #2: Police Chief David Callahan: Ralph reviewed concerns re: ADA violations / accessibility in the Shirley Ave area; inadequate precautions being taken for clear and safe passage as sidewalks are blocked by parked cars, congregation of persons around and at the T station; Need safe accessibility of streets, sidewalks at and around T stations.

Chief Callahan will reach out to MBTA/ other agencies re; manpower at the T level, to include Orr Square, Shirley Ave Liquor store... repeat offenders who are not wearing masks, jumping turnstiles, public drinking, loitering (threat to the elderly disabled). Parking control to continue checking areas for violations (blocked driveways , crosswalks)

Item #3: Updates/Next steps: Will continue to follow safety/ accessibility issues

Item #4: SEPAC Events: Enza gave updates on Revere Parks and Recreation bringing back Special Olympics, walking clubs-started Saturday with 5 participants. Looking to launch a young athlete's event(ages up to 6, then 6-12).

Update on beginning stages for additional summer programs through RPS to target SPED with targeted interventions, both remote and in person. more updates to follow re: grant money and funding . DESE allocating additional funds for both summer and fall.

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call on April 7, 2021-Continued discussion re: accessibility of meetings while on Zoom. support for towns that are continuing to develop the COD's, : discussion surrounding the stigma of “handicapped vs. disabled “. HP placards and plates...bill in the state legislature to change wording from handicap to disabled....blue washing / scapegoating ...more discussion possible next month

Item #6: Open Disability Commission Member Position-Brian Vesce resignation has now opened member position... check city website if interested....waiting on resumes

Item #7: Employee Diversity and Equity was discussed, persons with disabilities are frequently overlooked both in general and in the workplace. How can we help and make this more fair and equitable, increase awareness / programs, more dissemination of information to businesses/ rolling bulletin board.

Item #8: Commission Members late items: Meeting with HYM investment group, Re: Suffolk Downs area...opening a community walking track, ADA compliant, dog friendly, picnic area

Item #9: Resident Concerns/ issues, questions, and open forum: looking at more foot traffic on and near beach.... walkways etc. Please continue to wear masks, and promote vaccination of all residents

Item #10: Reminder - The Commission on Disabilities due to Covid 19 and the safety of all residents is trying to limit in person appointments due to the unavailability and use at our present office location. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday 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, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon possible.

We are working on solidifying another temporary location for our office for necessary in-person appointments determined by the COD on Friday mornings. We will update this information when available on the City of Revere's Web Site Disability page.

As always 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 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: Motion Made by Asmaa / Second by Enza

Next Meeting: Next Meeting (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM