

CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – June 11, 2019 6:00 PM
REVERE CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Salute to the Flag –

Roll Call of Members: -ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OFFERED IN RESPECT TO FORMER COMMISSION MEMBER PAUL MAZZONE WHO HAD PASSED AWAY.

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2019 – ROBERT BENT MADE MOTION TO APPROVE, ENZA GOODWIN 2ND MOTION. ALL APPROVED

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) - Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday June 5, 2019. There were continued discussions from last month's regarding state ratios for apartments being built in new developments in determine how the calculations are being made and distinguished to not only balance accessible apartments for the disabled and also affordable for disabled and non disabled. Ideas were talked about on how CODA can help advocate for changing the formulas that are presently being used. Members stated not only is this an important issue for us to get behind and help to find a better solution, it is also going to take a lot of time, effort and resources. They will continue discussions on this next month. The monthly calls are only for an hour so they try and discuss as much as possible. They usually try to keep to one specific task or topic. Lastly that was a brief question regarding the vacant position at the AAB (Architectural Access Board). It was mentioned that the hard work of all the members of CODA's work by sending letters and reaching out has helped. It is putting pressure on them and hopefully opened some eyes. The position has not been filled and they could be a good thing because people voicing concerns could have slowed it down and made them realize what some of the points and issues CODA members have stated. DECICCO READ ITEM 2 AND ANNOUNCED CALL IN JULY WILL BE A WEEK LATER DUE TO 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY AND ALSO RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE IN AUGUST.

Item#3: Update on State MOD ADA Planning Grant for FY 2019 –

RALPH DECICCO UPDATED THE COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO \$125k GRANT. SPOKE ABOUT THE CONSULTING FIRM AND TITLE 1 AND 2, ADA SITE EVALUATIONS AND TRANSITION PLAN.THE SITE EVALUATIONS TARTED JUNE 3RD ON THE MUNIIPAL BUILDINGS WHICH ARE CITY HALL, LEGION BUILDING, REVERE SENIOR CENTER, HISTORICAL MUSEUM, LIBRARY, PARK AND RECREATION BUILDING, FIRE AND POLICE BUILDINGS AND PARKING DEPARTARMENT IN POST OFFICE. SITE EVALUATIONS WILL ALSO BE DONE FOR BUILDINGS NOT BEING USED, SUCH AS PONT OF PINES FIRE STATION AND OLD BEACHMONT FIRE STATION. TWO SCHOOLS BEACHMONT AND LINCOLN HAVE BEEN ADDED TO LIST SINCE THEY ARE OLDEST SCHOOLS. THERE 80 HOURS ALLOCATED TO LOOK AT CERTAIN PROGRAMS ESATBLISHED FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO TITLE I AND TITLE II PAULINE PERNO ASKED FOR HIGH SCHOOL TO BE RESEARCHED ALSO BUT RALPH DECICCO STATED ONLY CERTAIN BUILDINGS COULD BE DONE BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE.

Item #4: Scheduled June Events -

SEPAC Events:

- **Thank you to Revere Fire and Police for presenting to our families about safety options for those with special needs.**
- **Please join us Monday, June 10th for our Ride and Glide that will take place in the Whelan School parking lot from 6-7pm. Our children will be able to safely ride a bike or scooter in an enclosed space while enjoying treats and fun provided by the Rec.**

ENZA GOODWIN AND MICHELL DEBELLIS SPOKE ABOUT PAST AND UPCOMING SEPAC EVENTS. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK, INVOLVEMENT AND ATTENDANCE. RICK FRENI SPOKE ABOUT THE LITTLE RICKY FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM AND HOW THEY INVITED OVER 30 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FOR A DAY OUT FOR BOWLING AND LUNCH. ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE CUPCAKE CREATING AND SELLING WITH RHS LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS AND LUBERTOS BAKERY. IT WAS A SUCCESS ALL AROUND.

Item #5: Old Business –

NONE

Item #6: Late Items - (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)
PAULINE PERNO SPOKE ABOUT COMMUTING ISSUES AND CROSSWALKS FOR THE HANDICAPPED. SHE SAID SHE SAW TWO NEAR FATAL HITS ON THE BEACH BECAUSE THE LACK OF CROSSWALKS AND CLEAR MARKINGS. RALPH DECICCO ASKED PAULINE PERNO TO SEND LETTER TO JULIE DEMAURO. PAULINE PERNO AND RICK FRENI AGREED NOT ALLOWING SOMEONE TO WALK IN THE CROSSWALK AND CAUSING DANGER WHILE DRIVING AND ALMOST HITTING THEM SHOULD BE A LOSS OF LICENSE FOR A SET AMOUNT OF TIME.

Item #7: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback:
RALPH DECICCO STATED HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE INFO AT THE BUDGET MEETING PER THE CHAIRMAN DAN RIZZO. HE STATED THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WAS LATE BUT RALPH DECICCO INSISTED HE WAS THERE AT LEAST AN HOUR BEFORE THE BUDGET MEETING HAD CONCLUDED. THIS ISSUE WAS SENT TO THE MAYORS OFFICE. HE WAS UNABLE TO REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 ACCOUNTS AND FISCAL YEAR 2020 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND SO HE DID SO AT THIS MEETING FOR FULL TRANSPERANCY.

Item #8: Next Steps –
NONE

Item #9: 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.

MICHELE DEBELLIS READ ITEM 9.

Motion to Adjourn: Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM. No July Meeting.

RALPD DECICCO ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

ROBERT BENT MADE THE MOTION AND SECONDED BY MICHELLE DEBELLIS. ALL IN FAVOR AND MEETING ADJOURNED. NO MEETING IN JULU. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 6:00 PM