



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – August 13, 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 were Rick Freni, Michelle DeBellis, Enza Goodwin, Pauline Perno, Ralph DeCicco - Absent were Robert Bent and Albert Sheridan.

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2019 – No July Meeting Motion approved by Enza Goodwin and Second by Michelle DeBellis

Item #2: Community Liaison from the Mayor's Office Priscilla Nickerson. Priscilla Nickerson from Mayors office spoke on Revere 311 and Mobile city hall. Mobile city hall allows you to look up schedule on Revere website for when it will be in your area. Things such as bills and dog license can be paid. Mobile City Hall will also be stationed at city events. More info contact Priscilla at 781 808 7902

Item #3: Information Regarding Revere TV Televised/Recorded City Meetings that was on the recent City Council Meeting Agenda. Ralph DeCicco went into detail that all televised and recorded city meetings can be accessed on the Revere TV YouTube Channel which allow cc capabilities along with also explaining that this was mentioned in detail at a previous disability meeting over a year ago and reasons why it has not been able to be implemented by Revere TV live. It was also mentioned that if anyone has questions like this they can always reach out to the Disabilities office and we would be able to answer it for anyone including councilors.

Item #4: Update on State MOD ADA Planning Grant for FY 2019 – Ralph DeCicco gave update on state MOD Grant and buildings. ADA assessment has now been completed and waiting for a hard disc to go over it.

Item #5: Discussion and information regarding Next Stop Revere participation in the master plan online survey, which will help inform the development of the [City's master plan](#). There are questions and concerns for residents to answer and comment on especially our disabled residents and families. (PowerPoint Display of Web Page) Ralph DeCicco stated discussion on Next Stop Revere Survey which is online will be available through end of August 2019. There are questions and area in which families of and disabled residents can answer and comment with suggestions.

Item #6: Scheduled August Events -

SEPAC Events:

Enza Goodwin spoke about color block party by Revere Rec which gave opportunity for families of disabled to have their own area and Sepac covered costs for those families. September 19th will host their Ice Cream social held at Garfield school community center. Row Row Revere will be held on August 17th. Ralph DeCicco stated that Paul Revere is getting a new park with accessible path from school to playground which is at least 200 feet cement path.

Item #7: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) - Monthly Conference call Meetings on Wednesday July 10, 2019 and also Wednesday August 7, 2019. Ralph DeCicco spoke about monthly CODA conference call recap. On the July call there was a representative who was speaking about legislation and ordinances that they are trying come up with regarding electric scooters and wanted to speak with various disability Commission members on the call. A lot of Commissions had concerns about these especially on how they are going to be regulated along with them not being to be allowed to be used on sidewalk. Another concern was the parking of them. The speaker was mentioning on how they are thinking of allowing them to be able to go over town lines into neighboring communities. As an example people who go to school or work in Boston or Cambridge that live in a community just outside of those areas could be allowed to travel there.

An issue that came up was where will all those scooters be parked? You could have an overwhelming amount of them in a community. The call on August 7th was in regards to the state budget being signed and that Governor Baker kept the proposed \$8 million line item for AHVP which stands for the Alliance Housing Voucher Program. This is a state funded Voucher Program. I believe this is up about \$2 million from last year's budget. This voucher program benefits disabled residents 60 or younger. It is based on a formula based at 90% of the market rate rentals in residential territories established in the commonwealth. Certain Cities and Towns Housing Authorities do not apply or issue these vouchers for numerous reasons but on the call I was told the Revere Housing Authority had 90 Vouchers last year and that was one of the highest in the commonwealth. The inventory of these types of apartments throughout the state is inadequate and hopefully the legislature will continue to work aggressively to correct this. Lastly, it was mentioned that the vacant position at the AAB (Architectural Access Board) and MOD (Mass Office on Disability) have not been filled.

Item #8: Old Business – Pauline Perno Letter Regarding Crosswalks?

Pauline Perno updated on letter she is creating regarding crosswalks.

**Item #9: Late Items - (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)
Ralph DeCicco let us know he is working with Innovation Management Department for Electronic Handicap Parking Sign applications and Surveys on the City web Site under the Disability page.**

Item #10: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback: None

Item #11: Next Steps -

Ralph DeCicco mentioned a need for possibly setting up a Information table at City Fall Festival Event and also future events as suggested by Robert Bent.

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. (Office will be closed Friday 8-23-19) Pauline Perno read reminder.

Motion to Adjourn: Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday September 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Motion approved and Next Meeting will be Tuesday September 10th, at 6 PM.