



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Salute to the Flag

**Roll Call of Members: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Mario Grimanis, Jason Barone (late arrival), Absent Enza Goodwin (covering SEPAC Meeting), Asmaa Aabou-Fouda
Absent:**

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2021- Jason Barone / Mario Grimanis (meeting minutes were approved after the meeting had been started once a quorum was met)

Item #2: Updates / Next Steps from November Meeting: although an invitation to attend was sent there were various conflicts with meeting times for Inspectional Services. However, follow up from ISD stating they are out daily / weekly following trash trucks to monitor and resolve issues with trash receptacles being left on walkways / construction sites.

The Parking Division is addressing issues of cars blocking walkways / protruding from driveways. Vehicles are also known as cars, motorbikes; 2 wheeled (bikes) can only be parked at site of bike rack. Vehicles on sidewalks are ADA violations, individuals who are visually and mobility impaired are most susceptible to incurring injuries. Residents are advised to call 311 with issues and complaints.

Item #3: SEPAC December events: Enza Goodwin will give review and update during the January meeting.

Item #4: CODA Monthly Zoom Meeting: December 1st, meeting reviewed COD Bylaws and MODA general bylaws; continued discussion on how local cities and towns are set up and progressing towards a more active COD, general Q and A session was included.

One item that was discussed was snow removal services , as many areas have no designated agencies to cover this. Revere has JROTC Snow Angels, there is a 3-4 year wait list for these services. Many disabled individuals live in apartments/ the question remains who is ultimately responsible for removal...possibility to reach out to landscape companies to retain as regular clients not just seasonal.

Item #5: Commission on Disabilities New Member Vacancy has been filled. New member Robert Brown has been confirmed , and hopefully will be joining the COD in January 2022

- **Item #6: Commission Members Late Items: A meeting was held through MDC re: beach access, among topics discussed were equity and access issues to include beach buggies, beach mats, new bath house and the need for automated signalization at the area of entrance , cutout height to access sand from the sidewalks. All attendees are in agreement that more work, funding needs to be provided so that beach access will be available to persons of all abilities. Ralph was contacted by individuals at the meeting , conversations needing further discussion.... openings are not accessible, parking space limitations, finances available to help defer cost of projects, needs and events. All persons agree that more discussion, planning, and implementation needs to be done.**
- **Jason reports an update on MBTA , they are returning to a previous booking software program for The Ride... the question remains can UBER and LYFT be used to provide services under the “flex” use...Jason will investigate**
- **The Mayor’s Office has announced the application for elder tax relief is open (water and sewer relief fund) effective December 20, 2021, with a file deadline of January 21, 2022. There are guidelines that need to be met, such as income limits (\$20,000 single, \$40,000 joint) as well as a statement of extenuating circumstances.**

Item #7: Residents’ Concerns / Open Forum: No residents addressed The COD at this meeting.

Item #8 Next Steps; Jason to provide follow up on MBTA ; Enza to provide follow up on SEPAC events

Item #9: 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: Mario / Jason

Next Meeting: Next Meeting (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday January 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM