



## **CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Meeting Notes – January 12, 2021 6:00 PM**

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### **Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call of Members: Present** Ralph DeCicco -Chair, Pauline Perno, Enza Goodwin, Asmaa Aabou Fouda, Jason Barone, Robert Bent (via phone) **Absent**-Brian Vesce

**Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2020 – Approved By Jason Barone and second made by Enza Goodwin**

**Item #2 Introduction of New Commission Member - Brian Vesce. Tabled, not available for this meeting**

### **Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from December Meeting**

**Draft of Letter by Commission Member Asmaa Aabou Fouda as discussed at December meeting. Updates given on draft letter, to include addresses, appropriate outside agencies (Transit Police, Mass State Police) also a copy will be sent to commission members.**

### **Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Conference call on January 6, 2021**

**Brief meeting to discuss cities and towns handicap accessible parking spaces. AAB does not cover on street parking/ discussion on what agency covers accessible parking spaces/ on street/ regulations, widths, sizes of spaces. Exact law to be forwarded to all Commissions, not yet received.**

**Also, it was discussed on the monthly call that many cities and towns are utilizing streets for travel and bike lanes, thus decreasing usable handicap parking spaces.**

**In the City of Revere no HP spaces have been removed. As a reminder if you have a HP plate or placard do not need to pay a meter and are the person in the vehicle.**

### **Item #5: SEPAC Events & Updates / Scheduled January Events**

**Enza Goodwin reporting that SEPAC will host an informational seminar with speaker Rick Freni. Rick will address next steps/ post-graduation for high school seniors. This will include insurance, housing, life after graduation. This is not scheduled to be televised as of now, hoping to disseminate information via translated flyers, school e mails.**

**Item #6: The Revere Commission on Disabilities also has reusable masks that are clear to enable households where lipreading is necessary to be protected. Please let us know if you could use one. We ask that you please do not request one unless you need it because they are hard to come by and could be very important for communication access and safety in some households.**

### **Item #7: Commission Members Late Items**

- **Asmaa brings up a noted point that the kids (students) are a forgotten demographic. Many students in need of services are not receiving services. COD states there are services and needs to be a bridge between School Department and COD, plan is for Dr. Gallucci to confer with Jackie Roy (SEPAC/ School liaison), are parents communicating with SPED teachers, how can we better support our kids?**

**Item #8: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum None**

### **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.**

### **Next Steps:**

- **Enza will send SEPAC flyer to Ralph for weekly meeting distribution, city calendar and translations.**
- **Asmaa and Pauline will begin working on Clear Mask Distribution Criteria and form.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Motion Made by Jason Barone and second by Robert Bent**

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM**