Commission on Disabilities: Meeting Notes – June 13, 2017 – 6 PM

Members present:
Ralph DeCicco - Co-Chair
Michelle DeBellis
Harvey Corin (via phone conference)
Enza Goodwin-Secretary
Paul Mazzone

Members absent:
Bryan Arciero
David Hahesy-Co-Chair
(Joe Gravellese-Moderator)

Item #1 Presentation by Jay Mazzola from Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center Will Discuss the 9-1-1 Disability Indicator Forms for Revere Residents: Mr. Mazzola shared the Disability Indicator Form and explained that residents who have a landline should fill out a form. In the event of an emergency 911 dispatchers will be aware of any special circumstances for the individual with a disability. The form can be found on the disabilities website and also in the Mayors Office.

Item #2 Presentation from Lisa Connor and Alan White from TILL: Ms. Connor and Mr. White presented information from TILL (Toward Independent Living and Learning) which is a non-profit human services based in Dedham who provide spectrum services for ages 3 and up. TILL is one of seven support centers in Massachusetts and they are the provider for Revere. Information about TILL can be found on the disabilities website.

Item #3 Update Regarding Commission on Disability State ADA Planning Grant Application: Mr. DeCicco and Mrs. DeMauro. The Revere Commission on Disabilities is seeking a planning grant in the amount of $125,000.00. If awarded this grant the RCoD will use the funds to meet the Self Awareness & Transition Plan criteria of Title II of the ADA. The funds will also be used to support our 7 person committee in seeking professional development to strengthen the board’s knowledge & effectiveness In order to meet the need of our residents. Our commission has been idle for many years. In 2017, the commission was re-established. The commission has been actively responding to the needs of residents with disabilities and meeting monthly to address issues of accessibility and compliance.

Item #4 Update on City Events for June:

- Revere Recreation will be hosting a Special Needs Soccer Game on Wednesday, June 21st from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Oak Island Turf Field. This free event will provide children and families to play in an enclosed field.
Drop and Stay Playgroup for children with special needs will continue to take place Monday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Revere Recreation for $5 per child which includes snacks and drinks.

Revere Public schools, under the direction of Dr. Vadala will provide programming for children who attend the special needs summer school program at the Beachmont School from 12:00pm-2:00pm during the summer school cycle.

No SEPAC meetings during the months of June, July and August. It will reconvene in September.

Item #5 Communications: None

Item #6 Old Business: None

Item #7 Late Items:

- There are 2 Handicap Accessible garden beds available at the new Gibson Park Community Gardens. Please contact Ellie Baker from Revere on the Move with any questions at 781-286-8188 or email her @ ebaker@revere.org

- Residents have contacted The Commission concerned that a bathroom on the first floor at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center was being locked and unable to be used by the elderly and disabled. A communication was sent to Mr. Fielding the director of the Senior Center.

Item #11 Public Comment/Open Forums:

Rocco Falzone (55 Toscano Ave) discussed concerns of the sidewalk being accessible for people with disabilities because of speeding and flooding in and around the Toscano/Asti/Green tree area.

Adjournment Next Meeting: We will not have a meeting in July and reconvene with our meeting on August 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.