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COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Thursday, July 23th, 2026

12:00pm

City Hall 3rd Floor Council Chamber, 191 Cabot St

Attendance

Attendees

- Paul Willenbrock, Commission Chair
- Nevaeh Hourican, Commission Secretary
- Bruce Doig, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services
- Ameila Boivin, ADA Coordinator
- Bud Rehal, Commission Member
- Ed Horak, Commission Member

Absent

- James Butler, Building Commissioner
- James Billings, Commission Member
- Marylin Osburn, Commission Member

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1 - Accessibility Accommodations

The Chair reviewed accommodations available for the meeting: Braille materials (available on request) and sensory accommodations (available on request). No ASL interpreter was present at this meeting.

2 - ASL Interpreter Access & Northshore Music Theater

Bud Rehal reported on his follow-up meeting with the Northshore Music Theater General

Manager regarding a prior request raised from a Deaf community member seeking tickets to attend a show with an interpreter. The GM had no record of that request ever being received.

In that same meeting, the GM proposed that Northshore Music Theater donate a block of tickets directly to the Beverly School for the Deaf (BSFD) for them to send one of its own interpreters to accommodate the show. The GM is arranging a follow-up meeting with the head of BSFD to pursue this.

Separately, Ameila Boivin reported that she has identified a funding line to cover the cost of an ASL interpreter and has requested an interpreter for the August 27th meeting.

3 - Beach Wheelchair Update

The Commission reviewed the status of beach wheelchair accessibility. The manual PVC-frame chairs with inflatable tires (usable in water) are currently available at the beaches however, signage has not yet been installed to inform the public of their availability.

The Commission also has electric, sand-capable wheelchairs, which have been idle for approximately a decade and have degraded, non-functional batteries. Bruce Doig will look into whether these units can be repaired.

4 - Friends Fund

The Friends of Beverly Recreation fund is now able to accept donations for the Commission's use. Checks can be made out to "Friends of Beverly Recreation Inc" with a note that it's for the Commission on Disabilities. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 691 Beverly, MA 01915.

5 - BevCam Streaming

The Commission discussed whether BevCam is able to livestream meetings at The Council on Aging once City Hall's operations relocate.

6 - Homecoming Event

The Commission discussed participating in the City of Beverly's citywide Homecoming event on August 6th as an additional public outreach opportunity, separate from the previously planned evening library meeting.

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