

REVERE PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

Revere Beach and Short Beach

“We held a charette years ago and formed the Revere Beach Partnership. Since then we’ve met a lot of our initial goals...we take major ownership of our beach and think it’s great.”

– Representative and Commissioner Kathi-Anne Reinstein

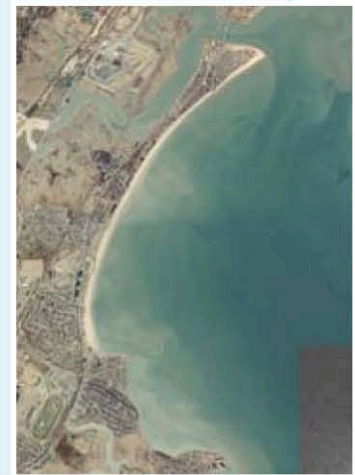


“Revere Beach should be able to serve as a model...the city has used productive partnerships with DCR and the Revere Police to make significant improvements in maintenance and public safety.” – Revere Mayor Thomas Ambrosino

“Working together, we’ve done a lot for the beach. The Revere Beach Partnership’s main goal is to attract people to the beach—the sandcastle event, this winter we had a passion plunge, we have concerts, and we will now have a farmer’s market—all under the auspices of the partnership.” – Commissioner Carol Haney

“We want our beach, we want it clean, and we want all the laws enforced. We’re not asking for too much—we just want to have our beach be as pretty as it should be.” – Linda Rosa (Office of Senate President Robert Travaglini)

“Back in the day there were always crowds of people on the beach, that’s what Revere beach is.” –Sheryl Queen, Owner, Twist and Shake



PUBLIC HEARING HIGHLIGHTS:

The Commission hosted a public hearing in Revere on June 28, 2006. Over 40 people attended, and the Commission heard from elected officials, community leaders, public safety officials, small business owners, and residents.

WHAT’S WORKING WELL:

- Great efforts to beautify beach—hanging baskets of plants and flowers
- Easy access to the beach by public transportation and by car
- Effective partnerships between local non-profits, DCR, and friends group
- Successful programming—children’s kayaking, sand castle festival, winter “passion plunge”
- People love to get together at Revere Beach

WHAT’S NOT WORKING:

- Dirty sand—full of cigarette butts, dirty diapers, and needles
- Poor maintenance—need more trash barrels and clean gazebo
- Need more police presence on beach to keep away gangs and vagrants, keep noise levels down
- Dangerous traffic—need speed control on boulevard and safer pedestrian access
- Poor water quality when nearby sewage treatment plant fails

BEACH INFORMATION

REVERE BEACH

Miles: 3
Bathhouse: no
Bathrooms: yes
Water: varies (some fountains don’t work)
Snack Bar/Food: yes (variety of take-out and eat-in)
Shade: yes
Parking: yes (street parking and parking lots)
Public Transportation: yes (Revere Beach and Wonderland T stops)

SHORT BEACH

Miles: 100 yards
Bathhouse: no
Bathrooms: no
Water: no
Snack Bar/Food: no
Shade: no
Parking: no
Public Transportation: yes (Beachmont T stop)