

**May 24, 2012 meeting minutes  
Cambridge GLBT Commission**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012**

Call to Order.

Kevin Shpritzer recorded these minutes.

Agenda for the May 24 meeting was accepted.

The minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved.

**Commissioners Present:** John Gintell, Steven Lee, Kevin Shpritzer, Bob Parlin, Aren Stone, Caitlin Drechsler, Mal Malme, Rebecca Caira-Davila, Dana Zircher, Maggie Giles, Lesley Phillips,

**Commissioners Absent:** (excused) – Jeff Walker, Neil MacInnes-Barker, Robert Coats, Gregory Grays-Thomas, Mike McKenna - (unexcused) Marianne Mondt,

**Guests:** Neil S. (member of the public), Kate Thomas (Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services)

**I. *Gen Silent* – June 14 – 6:30pm – Main Library**

- a. We should send on the invite to as many people as possible.
- b. We should make a Facebook event for the movie.
- c. Kate says we currently have 90 people registered to see the movie. 20 have registered for CEU's.
- d. Marianne and Bob will be photographing the event.
- e. Commissioners will need to be active ushering, manning tables, and general helping out.
- f. Aren has received the movie

**II. Working Groups**

- a. The meeting broke up into two working groups. One for *Gen Silent* and one for the Pride Brunch.
- b. *Gen Silent*
  - i. Food planning.
  - ii. Flyer planning.
    1. Steven will work on the publicity flyer, with backup support from Rebecca if needed.
    2. Caitlin will work on the handout for the event. On the handout, we want information about:
      - a. The reception times
      - b. Panelist names
      - c. A paragraph about the movie
      - d. URL's for sponsors
      - e. How to get involved
  - iii. Order of events
    1. Commissioners should arrive before 6pm.

2. A commissioner gives a welcome and introduces the Vice Mayor, the panelists, and the commissioners.
3. The Vice Mayor will speak and introduce the film.
4. The movie will show.
5. The panel consisting of three people who are in the film, the director of the LGBT Aging Project, and a social worker who runs LGBT caregiver support.
6. We would like every sponsor to have a table. Steven will check with the library about this. If they have tables available, we will offer them to the sponsors.
7. We will try to get more press releases out.

### III. **May Fair**

- a. 40 people registered for *Gen Silent* after May Fair.
- b. We weren't too happy with our location in the parking lot once again. The music was too loud.
- c. We can give feedback to Matt Frank, the head of the Harvard Square Business Association.
  - i. Kevin will send a thank you and give feedback that the music was too loud to carry on conversations, and we would appreciate being in Palmer Alley.

### IV. **Youth Pride**

- a. Turnout was great. The commissioners had a great time at the table.
- b. Most kids in the parade were bussed in from Western Massachusetts.

### V. **Photo Policy**

- a. Aren proposed never posting photos of children taken at these events without permission.
- b. We discussed the legality and feasibility of having a photo policy.
- c. At public, open-air events (e.g. May Fair, River Fest, Youth Pride), *out of courtesy*, we should ask parents if we can take and post pictures of their children before doing so.
- d. At indoor events (e.g. Pride Brunch, *Gen Silent*), we will offer an opt-out for everybody when taking photos.
- e. John will find out if the city has its own policy.

### VI. **Social Media**

- a. There are a lot more posts to Facebook by commissioners.
- b. Aren asked what are the parameters for what items we can post, particularly political items.

### VII. **Youth Project**

- a. John is continuing to talk to various city agencies to solicit interest in the project.
- b. Aren would like to connect with the faculty advisor from Project 10 East and see if they would like any kind of support from us. This would be good work for the fall.

### VIII. **City Employees Training re: Seniors Project**

- a. In late June there will be an afternoon social event at the Citywide Senior Center in Central Square. Tuesday, June 26 from 1-3pm.

**IX. River Festival – June 2 – 12pm to 6pm**

- a. We are at Site #2, near the corner of JFK Street and Memorial Drive.

**X. Pride Breakfast and Bayard Rustin Award – June 9 – 10:00am to 11:00am**

- a. We are getting excellent support from Matt Nelson, of the Mayor's Office, setting up logistics of the event.
- b. Buses will be leaving after the program.
- c. We should publicize as much as possible.
- d. Sue Hide will probably be the MC.
- e. John and Aren will be speaking on behalf of the commission.
- f. Alice Wolf recognition
- g. Rose Lipkin recognition (Lesley will contact Arthur Lipkin to get the name of the CRLS student who will receive this)
- h. Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) recognition
- i. Bayard Rustin recognition
- j. Rebecca is creating a Facebook event.

**XI. Announcements**

- a. On June 12, the Diversity Committee, has Gunner Scott coming into the City Hall Sullivan Chamber. He's giving two talks – one at 12pm and one at 1pm – for employees. We will have a small table, and John will be there.
- b. On June 20, the Massachusetts Commission on GLBT Youth is holding a hearing in the Gardner Auditorium in the State House on LGBT Youth Issues from 1pm – 6pm.

**XII. Public Comments**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm