

**April 25, 2013 meeting minutes
Cambridge GLBT Commission**

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

Call to Order.

Kevin Shpritzer recorded these minutes.

The minutes of the March 28 meeting were approved.

Agenda for the April 25 meeting was accepted.

Commissioners Present: Steven Lee, Kevin Shpritzer, Aren Stone, Mike McKenna, Bob Parlin, Caitlin Drechsler, Danny Venezia, Kristina Mastropasqua, Kara Smith, Rachel Oppenheimer, Neil Scannell, John Gintell, Lesley Phillips, Bill Barnert

Commissioners Absent: (excused) – Maggie Giles, Mal Malme, Neil MacInnes-Barker, Gregory Grays-Thomas

Commissioners On Leave: Dana Zircher

Guests: Chris Burke (Supt. of Police)

I. Welcome

II. Resignation

- a. Rebecca Cairra-Davilla sent in her resignation prior to the meeting, because she is moving away.
- b. The commission thanks her for her service.

III. Ethics training / Conflict of Interest forms

- a. Commissioners are reminded to complete and submit their forms to the city as soon as possible.

IV. Police Department

- a. Chris B. has a meeting with the MPTC (Mass Police Training Council) tomorrow.
- b. They have the ok to fill 50 seats for GOAL training at the Lowell Police Academy
- c. Chris is aiming to add more seats and bring the number to 72.

V. Give-Aways/Budget

- a. Steven has received pricing for 250 pens, 250 stress balls, and 100 totebags.
- b. Total cost of this order will be \$1100.
- c. \$160 will be left in our budget with that order.
- d. Some commissioners requested more money to be left in the budget for printing and other costs.
- e. To reduce the costs, Steven will adjust the order.

VI. Bayard Rustin Award

- a. The deadline for nominations was originally set for Monday, April 22.
- b. As of Wednesday, we had received no printed nominations.
- c. We have received one online nomination.
- d. A new deadline was set for Wednesday, May 8.
- e. John will make a Facebook event for the award.

VII. LGBT Film Festival

- a. Bob reported that the opening night for the festival in Cambridge is Friday, May 3.
- b. The commission is co-sponsoring the opening-night film called Stud Life.
- c. The showing is at 8:00pm at the Brattle Theater, and commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- d. Bob will contact Denise Simmons to see if she can speak at the showing.

VIII. Youth on Fire

- a. Discussion of YOF was postponed due to Gregory's absence.

IX. Harvard Square Mayfair – Sun, May 5; noon – 6pm

- a. Postcards, brochures and Bayard Rustin Service Award nomination forms will be available at the commission's table.
- b. Kevin sent out a schedule for manning our table at this event.
- c. He will take the supplies home at the end of the final shift and will deliver them to Caitlin to bring to Youth Pride.

X. Youth Pride – Sat, May 18; 9:30am – 4pm

- a. Located at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common (across from 170 Tremont St)
- b. First shift will set up at 9:30am.
- c. Gathering and mingling is from 10 – 11am.
- d. Rally is at 11am.
- e. March kicks off at 12pm.
- f. Festival is from 1-4pm.

XI. Cambridge River Festival – Sat, June 1; noon – 6pm

- a. Kevin will apply for our table within the next week.

XII. Pride Brunch – Sat, June 8; 9:30am – 11:00am

- a. John asked Sue Hide if should would MC the event as she has done in years past.
- b. He is waiting to hear back from her.
- c. The commission discussed possible recipients of the Recognition Award.

XIII. Youth After School Project and Seniors Project

- a. John will meet with Richard Rossi and the Deputy City Manager to try to spark some more interest in these projects.

XIV. Logo

- a. Bill offered a number of revisions to the commission logo.
- b. The commission discussed the various components of each of the possible revisions.

- c. Bill listened to and noted all of the commissioners' comments and concerns.

XV. Website

- a. John and Caitlin met and have some ideas for what to do next.
- b. They will report some suggestions at the next meeting.

XVI. PSA through CCTV

- a. Some commissioners met after the Brother Outsider film showing to brainstorm ideas.
- b. Neil S., Neil M., Danny, Lesley, John and Bill are the committee working on this.
- c. The first task is to decide what the main message of the PSA will be. Some ideas for the main message were:
 - i. Cambridge has a commission, and we can give you help if you need it.
 - ii. Highlighting the commission's accomplishments
 - iii. Cambridge is a great place to live for GLBT people
 - iv. Transgender rights
 - v. Local GLBT resources
 - vi. GLBT people are discriminated against, and you can help
 - vii. GLBT locals speaking about being in the Cambridge community

XVII. Google Calendar

- a. Mike created a calendar with all commission events.
- b. This was shared today via email with all commissioners.

XVIII. Announcements

- a. Cambridge Men's Group is presenting a movie at 7pm at the library next Thursday
- b. Harvard University is going to start compensating GLBT employees who don't receive certain federal tax benefits.
- c. Welcoming committee event Saturday night at Tommy Doyle's in Kendall Square.
- d. Roller derby bout at the Simoni rink by Lechmere next Saturday night, May 4.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm