

**May 27, 2010 meeting minutes  
Cambridge GLBT Commission**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010**

**I. Call to Order**

Toni Snow recorded these minutes – no quorum -- no votes taken.

Commissioners Present: John Gintell, Sarav Chidambaram, Toni Snow, Kevin Shpritzer, Lesley Phillips, Steven Lee

Commissioners Absent: (excused) – Jeff Walker, Bob Parlin, Priscilla Lee, Colby Berger, Tony Wiczorek, Mal Malme; (unexcused)- Mallory SoRelle and Julia Pallotta

Guests: Supt. Chris Burke and Lt. Stephen Ahern, Cambridge Police Dept. and Lee Gianetti, Mayor's Office and Linda Pinti, citizen.

- II. Lee Gianetti, Mayor's Office: Pride Brunch, June 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:00am:** This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the brunch at City Hall. Lee G. reviewed planning for event which 100 people may attend. Mayor's office will arrange press releases, lawn signs, postcard announcements, MC (Sue Hyde), keynote (Marty Walz), music (a capella group from CRLS), awards (Chris Mason, Leslie Sterling, Angela McKenzie – CRLS student) food and transportation via busses (accessible) to the Boston parade.

**Other Mayor's Office Assistance:** Mayor's office will provide materials and staff help (including finding an intern and assistance applying for a grant) to support Commission's elder projects. Lee G. will also send us new open meeting laws.

- III. Harvard Square May Fair, May 2:** The Commission staffed a table at this event for the first time, Tony W, Toni S, and Kevin were there with Mal up next. We gave away many ToteBags and concluded that the next time we have such an event we should have a questionnaire as the "price" for getting a bag.
- IV. Riverfest, June 5th:** Toni S. and Bob P., with possible support from Jeff W., John G., and Kevin S. We will give away remainder of Census tote bags but will require participants' to respond to a brief survey in order to get one. Will hand out Pride postcards and GLBT Commission flyers.
- V. New Cambridge GLBT Commissioners:** We discussed vacancies and need to recruit new commissioners. Agreed to wait until fall/winter to begin process. Explored formalizing the procedure to include an interview and attendance at 1 meeting. As in past, applications will include letter of interest and resume. A rating sheet can be developed and each complete application could receive a score.
- VI. Gender Neutral Bathroom Policy:** Commissioner Steven Lee gave a comprehensive overview of the issues surrounding gender neutral bathrooms. His notes are attached.

**VII. Public Safety: Chief Gerald Reardon** has seen a syllabus from the CPD GOAL trainings in 2006 and now wants to connect with GOAL trainers. Stephen Ahern will help with this. A meeting is still needed with Commission and CFD to discuss broader issues (such as a CFD GLBT Liaison).

**VIII. Public Comment, Linda Pinti:** Linda Pinti came to describe a situation that although she was elected as number 1 choice for the next Democratic City Committee appointee to the Election Committee in February, the City Manager has made no appointment in a time interval past the state mandate. When she was elected by the same body 2 ½ years ago she was also not chosen. She has been attending Election Commission meetings to make sure she is up-to-speed and had what she thought was a very good interview with the City Manager. She thinks it is possible that there is a homophobic reaction here but that is only speculation. She was not asking for action but just trying to inform us.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**