Cambridge Human Rights Commission
Thursday, October 3, 2013

Present: Commissioners Chanta Bhan, Melissa Gonzalez-Brenes, Kerry Gough, Kim Nghiem, Brendan St. Amant, Randa Shedid, and City staff Nancy Schlacter, Mariah Freark and Carmen S. Negrón.

Absent: Commissioners Elaine Angelone, Bonita Cox and Mercedes Evans

Documents Used:

- September 2013 minutes

1. Call to order

In the absence of the Chair, Commissioner Gonzalez-Brenes called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. No one was recording the meeting.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

3. **September Minutes Approval**

Commissioner St. Amant made a motion to accept September minutes and it was seconded by Commissioner Shedid. Commissioner Gonzalez-Brenes abstained because she was not at the last meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved. (Commissioners Bhan, Gough, Nghiem, St. Amant and Shedid.)

4. Executive Director's Report

E.D. Schlacter updated the Commission on pending cases. She reminded Commissioners that there are two vacancies on the Commission. Commissioners Gough, Gonzalez-Brenes and Shedid offered to review resumes of potential candidates. E.D. Schlacter said she will e-mail the vacancy announcement to the Commissioners so they can pass it along to people who might be interested. E.D. Schlacter also updated the Commission on outreach efforts and upcoming activities.

5. September meeting follow-up

a. Transgender homeless

Commissioner Bhan briefed the Commission on her interviews with staff at several New York homeless shelters. Commissioners decided to reach out to offer their support to the GLBT Commission going forward.

b. Follow-up on surveillance camera policy

A discussion was had about the City's surveillance camera policy. The Commissioners had many questions, and E.D. Schlacter agreed to request further information from Superintendent Chris Burke.

6. **New Business**

Commissioners agreed to invite Chris Cotter from the Community Development Department to December's meeting to educate the Commission about affordable housing in Cambridge.

Commissioner Bhan nominated herself for Vice- Chair. Commissioner Gonzalez-Brenes made a motion to accept Commissioner Bhan as Vice Chair and Commissioner St. Amant seconded it. All were in favor. (Gonzalez-Brenes, Gough, Nghiem, St. Amant and Shedid.)

The Commissioners agreed to move the January 2014 meeting from January 2, 2014 to January 9, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next Commission meeting is Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.