

LGBTQ+ Commission March 28, 2019 Minutes

Welcome

Minute Taker – Kimm Topping

Introductions

Commission (present)

John W. Gintell; Aren Stone; Jessica Daniels; Noelani Kamelamela; Rachel Oppenheimer; Kimm Topping; Steven Lee; Susan Bernstein; Maya Escobar; Mal Malme; Catherine Grams; Lesley Phillips

Commission (absent)

Bill Barnert; Greg MacDonough; Bob Parlin; Silas Winer

Guests

Police Commissioner Branville Bard (invited); Toni Maviki (GOAL NE Training Coordinator); Darius Varmahmoodi (GOAL NE President); Guest of Darius from Mass. Environmental Police; Lauren (Somerville LGBTQ+ Liaison); Jordan (community member)

New commissioners present (to be appointed on April 1st): Leo Austin-Spooner; Meesh Zucker; Britt Huhmann

Approved Minutes from February Meeting – Minutes Approved

Approve/Modify Agenda – Agenda Approved

Police Department : GOAL (Gay Officers Action League) training presentation and discussion led by Toni Maviki, GOAL NE Training Coordinator

- Cambridge recruits receive training at the Lowell Police Academy
- GOAL training is an 8-hour accredited course, certificate of completion provided
- Curriculum includes genetics and fetal development, social integration, and covers all trans identities
- Most groups don't do follow-up training but there is the option
- We are welcome to attend a class or to set up a specific training date for the Commission
- There is a registration fee, unless there is a sponsorship; can be offered for free if an organization requests that
- We could request that EMTs and Fire Department receive credits for this course; Commissioner Bard will support us with this

Participation in Events

- Jessica is waiting to hear whether Carnival has community tables; River Fest will be in Central Sq. this year.

- She will check out the possibility of tabling at Hoops and Health, a men's health event in June sponsored by Cambridge Public Health Dept.
- We voted to skip MayFair this year and prioritize another event; we can participate in MayFair again next year if we'd like
- Jessica will send out a list of all events to Commissioners

Youth Committee

- Bill sent out committee notes; this group is contacting all local schools to discuss LGBTQ+ inclusion

Pride Brunch Committee

- 2 meetings on April 3: Mayor's office – 9am and Committee meeting – 6pm Au Bon Pain
- Awardees will be discussed at April meeting

Handbook Committee

- Everyone should review handbook if they have time; Jessica hasn't gotten any feedback yet

All Gender Bathrooms Committee

- Needs revitalization
- Public Accommodations training for businesses (in partnership with the Human Rights Commission) is scheduled for June 13th at the Cambridge Public Library main location

New Commissioner Recruiting Status

- 4 new commissioners have been approved and will start on April 1, 2019

Public Comment / Announcements

- Arlington Drag Program (Saturday, April 27)
- Queer Cartoons at CPL (Saturday, April 6)
- Newton LGBTQ+ Brunch (Sunday, April 7)
- Professionals for Transgender Rights MTPC Fundraiser (Friday, May 31)

Next meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2019