

Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission
July 16, 2020 Minutes

Commissioners Present: Aren Stone, Steven Lee, Silas Winer, Britt Huhmann, Noelani Kamelamela, John Gintell, Leo Austin-Spooner, Mal Malme, Greg McDonough, Rachel Oppenheimer, Kimm Topping, Jessica Daniels, Lesley Phillips, Susan Bernstein, Catherine Grams, Nefyn Meissner

Absent: Bill Barnert, Bob Parlin, Meesh Zucker, Maya Escobar,

Staff present: Amelia Joselow

Minute Taker: Kimm Topping

Minutes approved for January and February Meetings

Agenda approved

Email Communication

All email communications for scheduling Commission meetings will come from Amelia Joselow going forward.

Budget

Kimm Topping requested a reimbursement for signs printed for the Trans Resistance March. It was approved and Kimm will send a receipt to Amelia.

Senior Housing Report

Final draft approved for sending to City Manager

Pride Planning for National Coming Out Day (October)

Brainstorming Ideas:

- Panel, art, story-telling - some purpose other than simply coming out day
- Coming out during the pandemic (“coming out when you can’t go out”)
- Actions for racial justice
- Use breakout rooms to have mini-panels
- Think beyond Zoom - split screen television broadcast (CCTV)
- Focused on reflection, self-care, community building

Commissioners can send more ideas to Kimm who will set up a working group meeting. Rachel and Lesley will be added to that group.

Domestic Partnership Ordinance modifications

- Lesley will read Somerville ordinance and report back next month so we can potentially move forward with recommending a similar ordinance in Cambridge that would include polyamorous groups and partners who don’t reside together

Report from Amelia and John Gintell on All Gender Bathrooms and discussion

- Signs should be up now in city-owned businesses with single stall bathrooms
- All new construction of city-owned buildings must include gender neutral bathrooms

- We voted: We will propose to the City Manager that the City of Cambridge create an ordinance saying single-stall bathrooms in all businesses are required to be all-gender bathrooms
- Working group will move forward with this

Report from Amelia on LGBTQ Community Center project and discussion

- Three focus groups planned
- First youth focus group went really well and the attendees generated many ideas

Police Working Group

- Working group will meet so we can discuss our relationship with the Police Department