

Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission

MINUTES: June 22, 2023

Tonight's Chair: Bill Barnert

Attendance (X = Here, LOA = Leave of Absence, *Blank* = Absent):

COMMISSIONERS	Pre-sent?	COMMISSIONERS	Pre-sent?	STAFF	Pre-sent?
Badriyyah Alsbah		Linden Huhmann	X	Jennifer Mathews	LOA
Bill Barnert	X	M. Joyce-Anderson	X	Amelia Joselow	X
Bob Bordone		Mary Gardner	X	Phoebe Hallahan	X
Cindy Telingator	X	Noelani Kamelamela		Sarah Binney	X
Frank Arce	(ill)	Olivia Sevey		GUESTS	
Gregory MacDonough	X	Warner Santiago		Jack Reid	
Jason Doo	X	Zack Dresser	X	ShayLa'Kinyon Bass-Briggs	
Kat Long	X				
Lauryn McNair	X				
Lesley Phillips					

Agenda

Co-Chairs: Bill Barnert and Frank Arce

Tonight's meeting chaired by: Bill Barnert

1. **Welcome**
2. **Assign Minute Taker - Zachary Dresser**

3. **Approve / Modify Agenda**
4. **Approve Previous Minutes**
5. **Introductions**
6. **Project Updates** (current actions, and plans) including reports from Sarah, Amelia, & Phoebe
 - a. Amelia: went over healthcare inclusivity initiatives & survey
 - b. Phoebe: Glam Up & Go Success, Longfellow Picnic rescheduled to July 15th, LGBTQ+ networking event yesterday small but successful, Potting with Pride upcoming at Senior Center
 - c. Sarah Binney: Glam Up & Go Success, please email her any feedback. Figuring out how to improve large events in future. In process of moving all commission documents to OneDrive.
7. **Working Group Reports** - and review of which WG's are active
 - All-Gender Bathrooms (Hiatus)
 - Budget (No longer)
 - City Forms (Hiatus)
 - Communications: Who is interested in updating the old brochures? (Bill, Sarah, Zachary, Mary, Phoebe, Amelia)
 - Community Center (Hiatus - may come back soon for data collection)
 - Diversity ¹¹¹_{SEP}(Hiatus, we'd like to see it come back)
 - Events: Who is interested in planning new events? (Bill, Phoebe, Sarah, M, Jason, Mary, Zachary)
 - Longfellow Picnic rescheduled for July 15
 - Handbook (Bill, Frank)
 - Housing
 - APPROVED Housing Survey to go out.
 - Public Health & Safety
 - Police involvement discussion / examples of how the commission has interacted with police in past
 - Sarah shared that some other commissions have police liaison
 - Police Commissioner Christine Elow is our liaison, but hasn't attended for a while. Zack is interested in being our liaison to the police.
 - WG restarting with M, Zack, Sarah & Amelia (& anyone who wants to join). The working group will come up with a proposal to bring to the full commission about the presence of police at commission meetings.]
 - Pride Brunch: GREAT JOB ALL! - will restart when needed for 2024.
 - Recruitment - will restart when needed for 2024
 - Strategic Planning (On hiatus)
 - Youth: Who is interested in working with/for Cambridge youth? (Bill, Cindy)
 - The list of Working Groups will be updated to reflect active groups. [Update: done.]
8. **Old Business**
9. **New Business**

Commented [1]: I didn't think we had a definitive decision on this. Will the WG come up with a recommendation for the Commission and circulate the recommendation for voting on at the next Commission meeting?

Commented [2]: That is correct.

- a. Amelia will research whether there is a limit to WG members.
[Update: Working groups do not need to be posted, nor minutes taken, nor staff present. Subcommittees on the other hand follow the same rules as public meetings. This is why it's very important to keep all working groups under a quorum count or else we are in violation of the open meeting law. Working groups cannot finalize decision-making, they must bring proposals to the monthly meeting for a vote.]
- b. Housing Survey approval - APPROVED
- c. August Pot-Luck? (4th Thursday is Aug. 24th) - Jason volunteered to host.
- d. Discussion of how to notify the public of potential police presence at meetings - will be discussed by the Public Health & Safety working group.
- e. Trans Day of Remembrance is Monday, Nov 20, 2023. Who would like to start planning this? (Lauryn, Bill)

10. Report from Rainbows Across Communities

- a. First ever Rainbows Across Communities picnic on Saturday, July 29 · 12:30 - 2:30pm EDT at Spy Pond 43 Pond Lane Arlington, MA 02474.

11. Public Comments / Announcements

- a. ShayLa'Kinyon Bass-Briggs introduced herself & asked for on-going conversation about the Cambridge Continuum of Care. Sarah will contact her to start the conversation & possibly invite her to a future meeting to present. (She works at 51 Inman.)

12. Next Commission Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2023, over Zoom
