



Monthly Women's Commission Meeting

April 14, 2021

Minutes

Ongoing Business

Member Introductions

In an effort to connect with the new members of the Commission, we will be taking time each month for members to introduce themselves and tell us a little about themselves.

Exploring the Feasibility for Celebrating 50th Anniversary of election of Saundra Graham and Barbara Ackermann

Kimberly met with CCTV about the possibility of creating a 3-minute video about the 50th anniversary. We are looking for people who may have been around during this time and may have recollections. Kimberly also stated that as far as we know, the current Mayor/Vice Mayor team of two women is the first time this has happened in history.

Rhonda shared that she canvassed her neighborhood with her aunt for Saundra Graham. Rhonda was also Graham's granddaughter's 6th grade teacher. She remembers it being a time of great upheaval. Her aunt was also a financial analyst for the City and Rhonda will speak with her.

Susan recommended reaching out to Alice Wolf. She also mentioned that City Councilor David Sullivan know Barbara Ackerman very well. He's a lawyer at the Mass State House now.

If successful in finding voices/stories for the video it would premiere in winter 2021/2022.

Pathways to Justice II

The Women's Commission is working with Mending Cambridge and the Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative on another half-day program created specifically for DV and SA providers in Cambridge. This event will take a hands-on approach, utilizing facilitated small breakout rooms to explore ways to bring an Anti-Oppressive Advocacy model to work. Free and Open to All DV and SA providers in Cambridge.

Anti-AAPI Racism Panel

The Cambridge Women's Commission is planning an event for the larger Cambridge community and is teaming up with the YWCA-Cambridge to host some sort of panel discussion or series of discussions on anti-Asian racism/hate/violence and its relation to gender based violence and misogyny for Cambridge residents and the local community

The aim is to center the experiences and opinions of AAPI communities, activists, and organizations – representing all the myriad of groups that fall under this very large label. It will continue conversations about the history of anti-Asian racism and misogyny, the rise of violence and discrimination, the mold minority myth, and the issues facing Asian women.

Bike Donation Program

Rhonda's connection to the bike program is going well. She has been working with Pauline and doing more outreach via social media.

The CCSW will work on putting together a thank you letter for the bike donation program.