



Monthly Women's Commission Meeting

May 12, 2021

Minutes

Ongoing Business

Mapping Feminist Cambridge: Central Square

The CCSW is thrilled to launch the second tour in the Mapping Feminist Cambridge series. There will be three virtual events highlighting Central Square's vibrant feminist history from the 1970s-1990s. Each event in the virtual series will highlight a few organizations featured in the Central Square tour, followed by a panel of activists and organizers connected to the organizations.

CLAIMING COMMUNITY SPACE | THURSDAY, MAY 20, 6:00-7:30PM

Featuring Cambridge Women's Commission (1977 – Present), YWCA Cambridge (1891 – Present), Bread and Roses (1969-1971), and Marquee Bar.

REVOLUTIONARY FEMINIST ARTS & COMMUNICATION: HOW THE WORD GOT OUT | THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 6:00-7:30PM

Featuring Back Porch Dance Collective (1990-2001), Savanna Books (1989-1996), Underground Railway Theater (1979-Present), CCTV (1987-Present), New Day Films (1971-Present), Sojourner (1975-2002).

PROTECTING OUR BODIES & OUR LIVES | THURSDAY, JULY 15, 6:00-7:30PM

Featuring City Hall (1888 - Present), BARCC (1973-Present), Transition House (1976-Present), Abortion Access Project (1992-2006), Cambridge Women's Center (1971-Present).

Gender Inclusive Statements

The Cambridge Women's Commission is included in a list of gender-inclusive mission statements from the Cambridge area. The entire list can be found here: [Sample Gender-Inclusive Mission Statements - Google Docs](#)

The Commission is committed to being adaptive, flexible, and inclusive. Going forward, we will only use the word "women" and not "womxn".

Srin suggested including a "land acknowledgement" statement as well. A land acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes Indigenous peoples as the long-standing occupants and caretakers of a particular land or region. It offers respect for the enduring relationships that exist between them and their traditional territories

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 first meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021

The goal 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 what problems Asian women are facing.

Reimagining the Workplace Group

The Commission is continuing efforts to provide city employees a supportive space to discuss benefits and challenges of being a caregiver during the pandemic. The goal is to support each other and help City employees feel less isolated.

The goal is to advocate for bigger changes and provide solidarity.