



Monthly Women's Commission Meeting
September 29, 2021

Minutes

Ongoing Business

Women in Business Month Event

The Women's Commission is partnering with Cambridge Community Development on a virtual event:

Second Careers and Side Gigs: Women in business at every age and stage, October 28, 8:30 – 9:30 AM

The timing of the event was chosen for small businesses to be able to attend before opening their businesses. We recognize that the timing of the event is not convenient for some and we will work to have more events at differing times for the business community in the future.

Commissioners recommended restarting the Women in Cambridge business networking monthly meetup. That group was a dynamic way for women who live and work in Cambridge to meet and collaborate.

Another suggestion was to have a Women in Business passport in Cambridge. People could get "stamps" as they visit different women-owned businesses and could redeem them for something.

We will also look to connect with the artisans at Popportunity at the Starlight for more collaborations.

Mapping Feminist Cambridge

We are attempting to schedule one or two in-person tours of MFC Central Square this fall. More information will be coming soon.

Cambridge Schools Chronicled

Cambridge Schools Chronicled written by Women's Commissioner Barbara Thomas and illustrated by her husband Tim Wall was published and won a 2021 MICE (Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo) grant. The book can be found at The Million Year Picnic at 99 Mt. Auburn Ave in Cambridge, a black-owned comic bookstore. Congratulations to Barbara and Tim!

Note date change: Due to the Jewish Holidays our monthly meeting was moved to the 5th Wednesday of the month.