

## **LGBTQ+ Commission Minutes – April 25, 2019      6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Attending: Leo Austin-Spooner, Jessica Daniels, Maya Escobar, John Gintell, Kate Grams, Britt Huhmann, Noe Kamelamela, Steven Lee, Nefyn Meissner, Rachel Oppenheimer, Bob Parlin, Lesley Phillips, Aren Stone, Silas Weiner.

Absent: Mal Malme, Susan Bernstein, Kimm Topping, Bill Barnert, Greg MacDonough, Michelle Zucker.

Guests: No guests were in attendance.

### **Approved Minutes from March 2019 Meeting**

### **Modified and approved April Agenda**

#### **New Commissioners**

Three of our four new Commissioners were attending their first official meeting.

#### **Brief Overview of Open Meeting Law and City Government**

John provided an overview of how the Open Meeting Law affects the Commission, reminding us that we can use the email list to share the agenda or announce events, but we cannot discuss matters by email.

#### **GOAL Training Possibilities**

We had asked GOAL if we could attend an actual GOAL training. They responded by asking if the Commission would sponsor a version of the training for a general group in Cambridge. We will ask again if one or more commissioners can attend the GOAL training, but we will decline for now to sponsor the event.

Some questions that remain for the Commission:

Can EMTs receive GOAL training to develop their skills for working with LGBTQ+ individuals?

Did Commissioner Bard say that GOAL training has shifted to Northeastern University?

#### **Police Statement Draft**

A draft of a statement on the Commission's relationship with the Cambridge Police Department was discussed. A meeting of the Police Subcommittee will be convened to finalize the statement, which is essentially complete, and then the statement will be shared via social media, added to the Commission handbook, and distributed in a newsletter to our external email list.

#### **Pride Brunch, June 8**

- Organizing Committee Report  
Kimm, John, and Silas have met to plan the brunch, and discussed whether there should be a short entertainment portion, who should receive nominations, and who should MC the event. The Commission approved asking an entertainer to perform and the Organizing Committee will reach out to them. The Organizing Committee will meet again within the next two weeks.
- Award Recipient Nominations  
Recipients were selected for the Community Recognition Awards and Bayard Rustin Service Award to be presented at the Pride Brunch. The Organizing Committee will reach out to the potential recipients to determine if they would like to accept.

## **Handbook**

We will add the policy on selection of the chair(s) that was set at the time the Commission was established and we will use that policy until a time that we decide to change it.

## **Committees**

- Review standing committees  
Aren shared the list of Commission committees so that new Commissioners can join the ones that interest them.
- Recruit members  
When committees meet, the date will be shared with all Commissioners to ensure new Commissioners know they are encouraged to join.

## **Communication Committee**

- Swag orders  
Bill and Jessica are working on this.

## **Other Committee Reports?**

None at this time.

## **Events**

- Library workshop for kids & families on gender identity – Maya will share information. Will take place in June.
- Tabling – Commissioners volunteered to table at Youth Pride and RiverFest.
- Fall Rainbow Room – we deferred discussion to the next meeting.

## **Announcements**

- Drag Prom is coming up in Arlington.
- The library is showing “A Fantastic Woman” this weekend.
- Rachel is encouraging Commissioners to support The Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund.
- Pete Buttigieg is running for the nomination for president and Silas encourages us to recognize the historic nature of Buttigieg’s campaign, while not endorsing any candidate.

## **There was no Public Comment**

Next Meeting: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-7:30 p.m.