Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission  
September 26, 2019 Minutes

Welcome

Commissioners Present: Aren Stone, Steven Lee, Silas Winer, Britt Huhmann, Bill Barnert, Noelani Kamelamela, John Gintell, Leo Austin-Spooner, Mal Malme, Bob Parlin, Meesh Zucker, Greg McDonough, Rachel Oppenheimer, Maya Escobar, Kimm Topping, Jessica Daniels

Absent: Lesley Phillips, Susan Bernstein, Catherine Grams, Nefyn Meissner

Staff present: Amelia Joselow

Guests: Angelina and Nick from Black & Pink

Minute Taker: Kimm

Minutes approved from June Meeting
Minutes approved from July Meeting
Agenda approved

Police Department
- We decided that going forward we need to include at the top of the agenda whether police have been invited to the meeting
- Ongoing questions for Commissioner Bard:
  - GOAL, Fire Dept, and EMT’s?
  - Holding cells – what are they like? Shower, restrooms?
  - How we can help improve GOAL training?
  - What are the procedures for release and re-entry? Are there resources in Cambridge for re-entry?
- Commissioner Bard and Fire Chief Mahoney will join us at October meeting

Black and Pink
- Angelina shared about her story and Nick shared about Black and Pink’s work in the community
- Black and Pink advocates for prison abolition and provides legal services, advocacy, a pen pal system, newsletter, re-entry support, bail funds in partnership with MA Bail Fund
- Drop-in hours in Cambridge on Sundays at Democracy Center, 45 Mt. Auburn St.
- Upcoming Event: October 25th (No Pride in Prison) at Fenway Community Health Center
• Working on bill for condom access – Nick will pass along specific info to us
• We discussed re-entry resources; Aren will contact Brian Corr and Nancy Schlacter about re-entry resources
• We discussed a potential education event next year focused on Black and Pink; we can invite them to table at Rainbow Room and other events too

LGBTQ History Exhibit
• We need to check in with Wil on opening reception
• Feedback on panels – we need to respond

Past Events
• Fairs at Community Charter School of Cambridge
  ○ Two fairs were attended by Amelia (both middle school and high school); Bill attended high school
  ○ Spoke with over 120 students
  ○ No GSA right now, but they’re working on revitalizing

• Cambridge Carnival: No updates right now

• GOAL Training
  ○ Amelia and Bill attended a training
  ○ Police Subcommittee will meet with Commissioner Bard to discuss feedback