

Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission

MINUTES: Thursday, May 25th, 6-7:30 pm

Tonight's Chair:

Attendance (X = Here, LOA = Leave of Absence, *Blank* = Absent):

COMMISSIONERS	Pre-sent?	COMMISSIONERS	Pre-sent?	STAFF	Pre-sent?
Badriyyah Alsabah		Lesley Phillips	LOA	Jennifer Mathews	
Bill Barnert	X	Linden Huhmann	X	Amelia Joselow	
Bob Bordone		Noelani Kamelamela	LOA	Phoebe Hallahan	X
Frank Arce	X	Olivia Sevey		Sarah Binney	
Gregory MacDonough	X	Warner Santiago		GUESTS	
Kat Long	X	Cindy Telingator	X	Crystal Rosa	
Lauryn McNair	X	Jason Doo			
		M. Joyce-Anderson	X		
		Mary Gardner	X		
		Zack Dresser	X		

Minutes

Co-Chairs: Bill Barnert and Frank Arce

Tonight's meeting chaired by: Frank Arce

1. Welcome
2. Assign Minute Taker

Gregory MacDonough took minutes for this meeting.

3. Approve / Modify Agenda

Agenda was approved and unmodified.

4. Approve Previous Minutes

March and April minutes approved and modified.

5. Introductions, including the new Commissioners: Cindy Telingator, Jason Doo, M. Joyce-Anderson, Mary Gardner, & Zack Dresser

6. Project Updates (current actions, and plans) including reports from Amelia, & Phoebe

Pride Brunch: Fliers and markings are in place for the pride bunch. We are looking for volunteers for the event.

7. Working Group Reports

- Invite commissioners to join Working Groups: Information about the different working groups are saved in the LGBTQ+ commission google drive.
- All-Gender Bathrooms: No reports
- Budget: No reports
- City Forms: No reports
- Communications: The working group manages email and social media. The group also looks into swag for tabling events. Reach out to Bill if there is interest in joining the working group.
- Community Center: No report
- Diversity: No report
- Events
 - Tabling at Cambridge Community Pride Day, Friday, June 2nd, 3:30-6:30 (or any subset)
- Handbook: The handbook working group recently updated the commissioner working book after Cambridge updated its bylaws. The city recently changed processes specific to commissions in Cambridge. The commission will need to update the handbook again.
- Housing: Linden updated the commission on Cambridge's zoning code. The code allows for no more than three unrelated people to occupy a household. The housing subcommittee is putting together a survey with different groups from Cambridge for distribution among the Cambridge community. The next working group meeting is Monday, June 5th.
- Public Health & Safety: The police commissioner is ready to come to our meetings. We discussed the police commissioner coming once a quarter to our meetings, the agenda will include when the police are attending our meetings, and the commissioner will attend in civilian clothing. This suggestion will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Pride Brunch - Pride Glam Up and Go Brunch- Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 9:30am-11:30am

- All the materials are ready for the pride bunch. The working group is looking for volunteers for the event. Pride bunch is at city hall. There are T passes and free blue bikes for transportation to the pride parade.
- Recruitment - This cycle is closed. Excited for new commissioners.
- Strategic Planning - Preliminary conversation on Commission goals and structure
- Youth: The youth working group is on hiatus since COVID. The commission is looking for members to staff this group.
 - 2nd Annual Cambridge Community Pride Day - Friday, June 2, 2023
 - Need tabling volunteers

8. Old Business

No old business

9. New Business

a. Review and consolidation of working groups

Nothing to review at this meeting.

b. On-boarding the new Commissioners

Emails and google drive link sent to new commissioners.

c. Rainbows Across Communities LGBTQ+ Picnic - There will be a multi-town community-building pot-luck picnic on July 29 at Spy Pond. Do we want to be a part of it?

d. Cambridge LGBTQ+ Community Picnic - Separate from the multi-town picnic, do we want to host one for Cambridge? When? Where?

e. Longfellow Picnic: The LGBTQ+ commission is co-sponsoring this event. The picnic is on Saturday, June 17th and starts at 11am. Phoebe will let us know if the commission is tabling the picnic. For more information, use the link below: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/CityCalendar/view.aspx?guid=757a877429bd4d2eb78b56abcf072e76>

f. The annual Let Trans Athletes Play event has been canceled this year, so we don't need to vote on whether to co-sponsor it.

10. Report from Rainbows Across Communities

No report from this commission

11. Public Comments / Announcements

No one from the public is present at this meeting.

12. Next Commission Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 6-7:30pm, over Zoom
