

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

September 11, 2013

Commission Meeting - Minutes

Upcoming Events

Women-Powered Cycling Course	Sept 18	7pm
Women and Words	Sept 19	7pm
A Place at the Table	Sept 25	6:30pm
Left on Pearl Screening	Sept 30	6:30pm
DVAM Vigil	Oct 2	5:30pm
CCSW Meeting	Oct 2	6:30pm
How Women Become Political	Oct 7	6pm
Girl Rising Screening	October 10	6pm
Int'l Day of the Girl	Oct 11	all day
CCSW Meeting	Nov 6	6pm
21/365 Final Forum	Nov 7	5:00pm

Report Back

Alexandra Donovan from Cambridge Public Health traveled to Cairo in June representing the City and the CCSW in a reverse Fellows Program fully funded through the US Department of State. The CCSW hosted an Egyptian woman, Vivian Thabet, for three weeks in April. The fellows participating in the program focused on women's rights in both countries. Alexandra presented what she learned about that status of women's rights, and in particular gender-based violence, in Egypt.

Programming Updates

- CPHD Survey

The Cambridge Public Health Department is conducting an online survey during the month of September as part of a comprehensive Community Health Assessment on the strengths and health needs of the city, access to health care, and their vision for a healthy Cambridge. This information will help guide health improvement in Cambridge over the next five years. The survey is open to people who live, work, or spend time in Cambridge. All Commissioners are urged to share their opinion and to help disseminate the survey around the city.

- 21/365 Campaign: Steering Committee and Final Forum

The full Steering Committee for Councillor Decker's *21/365 Cambridge Against Domestic Violence* campaign will be meeting next week for the first time. This meeting will be used to

start planning the November event that will be a forum to review the questions that emerged from the campaign, to hear best practices from three locally recognized leaders in DV, and to help shape City policy going forward. The Women's Commission is pleased to be part of this initiative and to assist in the planning of this event.