

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

October 1, 2014

Commission Meeting - Agenda

Upcoming Events

Oct 1 – Domestic Violence Vigil on Steps of City Hall, 6pm

Oct 1 – Monthly CCSW Meeting, 6:30pm

Oct 27 – Screening of *The Supreme Price*, Cambridge Main Library, 6:30pm

Nov 5 – Monthly CCSW Meeting, 6:30pm

Dec 3 - Monthly CCSW Meeting, 6:30pm

Dec 4 – Women&Words, Women and Climate Change, City Hall Annex, 7pm

March 5 - Women&Words, Hollaback! Stopping Street Harassment, City Hall Annex, 7pm

Minutes

Councilor Simmons' GOLD Program

City Councilor E. Denise Simmons, in collaboration with the Cambridge YWCA and other Community Partners, is reactivating a Leadership Group for 8th Grade Girls, which she had previously established as Mayor of Cambridge in 2008.

The monthly program, provides life and leadership skills to help guide participants on a path toward future success. Councilor Simmons hopes to get 40 participants who will meet with and learn from a diverse cast of strong, local female business, political and civic leaders. Meeting topics include high school and college preparation; preparing for different career paths; learning proper social etiquette; learning about proper online and smart phone etiquette; dressing for success; and learning about the benefits of civic engagement, and about the importance of networking.

Emily will forward this information to the entire commission. If anyone would like to play a larger part in this program, let Kimberly or Emily know.

<http://dsimmons8.wix.com/girlsleadership>

Poverty in Cambridge: the Female Face

Lori Lander's monthly breakfast on October 1 explored *Poverty in Cambridge: Why has it Gotten Worse and What Can We Do About It*. Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Representative (and former City Councilor) Marjorie Decker, John Lindamood, Cambridge Housing Authority Director of Resident Services, Ben Clark, Executive Director of Cambridge Community Services and Katie Heimer, the new Coordinator of the Cambridge Women's Center all spoke.

The report noted, among other data, that between 2009 and 2011, the median income of single mothers in Cambridge was \$22,383. See full report discussed in meeting:

http://www.cambridgema.gov/~media/Files/CDD/FactsandMaps/presentations/demo_pres_p_overty_20140410.ashx

The NFL and Gender Based Violence opportunity for youth discussions

Preliminary discussions have begun as to what Cambridge can do to help focus and lead discussions around domestic violence with youth, most notably within the context of the recent NFL situations. Kimberly brought up the idea of having *A Call To Men* return to Cambridge.