

# Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

November 5, 2014

## Commission Meeting - Minutes

### Upcoming Events

Dec 3 - Monthly CCSW Meeting, 6:30pm

Dec 4 - *Engaging Fathers to Strengthen Families*, Cambridge College, 9am-12pm (event with the Community Engagement Team)

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

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

**Attendance:** Susan, Laura, Lisa, Iftekhhar, Srin, Joanne, Addie, Phyllis, Marjorie

**Staff:** Kimberly, Emily

### The Supreme Price, screening and discussion

*The Supreme Price* screening on October 27 had a good turnout. Unfortunately, mid-way through the film, the auditorium was evacuated because of flooding. Conversation then was moved to the Teen Room. Joanna Lipper, filmmaker, and Busayo Olupona, attorney and Nigerian clothing and textile designer, had a wonderful conversation about the making of the film, the current situation in Nigeria, and life for women in different regions in Nigeria. The conversation was also cut short in the Teen Room when the library was evacuated. All attendees who left their email address were given the chance to borrow the film from the Women's Commission so they could finish it.

### Participatory Budget Meeting report back

Srin and Laura attended the Participatory Budget Meeting on Oct 28 at the Cambridge Senior Center. At the meeting, citizens shared their concerns that marginalized populations were not accurately contacted for this program. There were a number of questions left unanswered. At this time, they felt it was not something that needing pursuing. However, if a group of students wanted to put together a proposal for the Budget Committee, Commission members would be willing to help them.

### Cambridge Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative

The initiative's new Coordinator, Liz Speakman, has now been here a month. The Initiative is actively working towards finding its mission, direction, purpose, and projects. A retreat is being planned with the Initiative's Steering Committee and the new coordinator for December.

### **Next Meeting: Dec 3**

Addie has generously donated her apartment for our next meeting. We will have a potluck supper and screen *The Supreme Price* so that Commission members have a chance to see it.