

# Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

January 11, 2017

Commission Meeting

## Upcoming Events

January 15, CRLS Take Back the Night  
6-7:30pm, Start CRLS, End MIT Bridge

February 17, Roxanne Gay, Difficult Women  
7pm, Cambridge Public Library

*There are no tickets, and seating is first come, first served. Doors will open between 6 and 6:30.*

March 2, Women&Words  
7pm 344 Broadway, Cambridge

March 8, International Women's Day Breakfast: **Responding to Changing Policies: Engaging Women's Voices**  
8am, Simmons College

March 21, *Women in Cambridge*: Get to Know **Central Square Theater's** all female leadership team!  
Event with Deb Wise, Lee Mikeska Gardner, Catherine Carr-Kelly  
6pm Central Square Theater

*More Women's History Month events are currently being planned. More details soon!*

## Agenda

**Present:** Marjorie, Srin, Pauline, Susan, Phyllis, Golnaz, Laura, Addie

**Guests:** Therecia, Jane

### **Boston Women's March for America**

Information for the march can be found at <http://bostonwomensmarchforamerica.org/>. The Cambridge Women's Commission is an official sponsoring organization. Many different organizations will have banners and meeting places. If you'd like to march with a specific group, contact them directly for more information.

If anyone would like to knit a pink hat for the march, Susan has the pattern and is happy to share.

Gather Here in Inman Square is doing some great community work to support the march and its mission:  
<https://gatherhereonline.com>.

### **Inman Square Neighborhood Association**

Phyllis has been very active in launching a new *Inman Square Neighborhood Association* aimed at encouraging neighbors and residents to buy, shop and eat local. Each meeting has seen about 35 attendees. There are many ideas on the table for what to do to the Square: move a portion of Velucci Park, add tables with chess boards, and wrap trees in lights. Please contact Phyllis if you'd like to know more.

## **CRLS Sexual Harassment**

Two articles dealing with CRLS, sexual harassment, and gender based violence:

### *Tackling Teen Sexual Harassment*

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2017/01/02/tackling-teen-sexual-harassment/XueH8daTm6t8kbTqg15b4l/story.html>

### *CRLS joining forces with A Call to Men*

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/01/02/cambridge-high-school-tackles-gender-climate-head/bKdSXU77K2yWZ6u56YQxkM/story.html>

How do we continue to get the message out to students that the Women's Commission is here to support them? Susan suggested reaching out to the student body president. We can also mention it again at the next meeting held by the Mayor.

## **Upcoming events**

We have our next Women&Words! on March 2. Susan suggested screening the film *Motherless* (documentary, 48 mins) followed by a discussion. She also suggested a few names of people who could facilitate.