

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

May 9, 2018

Commission Meeting

Upcoming Events

Wednesday May 16

Local Beer, Local Economy and Vibrant Community in Cambridge (Women in Cambridge)

5:30pm Lamplighter Brewery

Have you wanted to visit Lamplighter Brewing Co. but haven't had a chance yet? Or is it already your favorite local hangout? We are going to combine beer with a lot of complexity and depth with wonderfully complex and deep conversation and networking.

While sipping on fun and funky libations, we will hear from Cambridge Local First's Executive Director, Adriane Musgrave, who is guiding the direction of what it means to be Local in Cambridge. As always, there will be plenty of time for socializing and networking, along with a short talk from Adriane, and time after to continue the conversation.

Find it what it means to eat, drink, shop, and connect locally

Thursday, June 7

Women and Words! Girl Power: All Dolled Up

7–8:30pm Community Room, Lower Level, Cambridge Main Library

From Dora the Explorer to Kim Kardashian, this short documentary explores whether “girl power” is truly empowering to girls or if it has been co-opted to mean something else. Following the short film will be a conversation with Cambridge film director, parent, feminist, and activist, Sarah Blout Rosenberg, on how media influences the identity of girls growing up in America.

Sunday, June 10

Follow the Honey (Women in Cambridge)

5:30pm Follow the Honey in Harvard Square

An evening of socializing and networking, including a short presentation from Mary, Founder & CEO of Follow the Honey, and “apipreneur-inventor-bee tender”.

Wednesday, June 13

Women’s Commission Meeting

Last commission meeting before summer break. We will resume monthly meetings in the fall on September 12, 2018.

Minutes

FY19 Budget Hearings

The Women’s Commission’s FY19 budget was pulled for further questioning from the City Councillors. Sumbul Siddiqui asked if the commission could share how resources have been reallocated to create pathways for traditionally harder-to-reach women. She also asked about what programs were introduced in response to #MeToo. Kimberly highlighted many of the programs, research reports, events and projects we are working on, many of which have been ongoing, long before the #metoo movement.

Event Updates

Our event with Cambridge Public Schools and the Cambridge Public Health Department, featuring Gail Dines and the talk *Protecting Kids from Overly Sexual Internet Content* was well attended and received positive feedback. About 100 people were in the audience.

Girls' Sports Day is coming up on May 30. If you are interested in volunteering, let Kimberly or Emily know.

Next Wednesday, May 16, 5:30pm is the monthly Women in Cambridge networking event at Lamplighter Brewery, 284 Broadway. Barbara helped coordinate the speaker, Adriane Musgrave, the new ED from Cambridge Local First. We are looking for a few commissioners who can attend the event, be present in case people have any questions about the commission, and gather up nametags and the sign-in sheet at the end.

Commission input for 2018/2019

Our last commission meeting before summer break is June 13. In the past, this meeting has been a potluck dinner. If this is something that the commission is interested in doing again, and if you are willing to host, please let Emily know.

Also, as in years past, we're seeking your input for the agenda for the June meeting. What issues, events, programs, speakers, projects, do you think would most benefit the communities in Cambridge during the 2018/2019 year? In July and August, we refine our workplan for the coming fiscal year and we value your input. Please come to the June meeting with ideas, or also feel free to email Emily.