

## Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

March 5, 2014

### Commission Meeting – Minutes

#### Upcoming Events

March 6 – Friendship Knows No Boundaries: Stories of Friendship with True Story Theater  
1:30–3pm Cambridge Citywide Senior Center  
International Women’s Day Event! Come share stories of friendship. True Story Theater performers spontaneously transform audience members’ stories into theater through drama, movement and song.

March 6 - Self-Care for Mothers: Reclaiming, Rejuvenating, Rebalancing  
7pm City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, Cambridge  
A discussion on family transitions with Maria Dolorico of A Mom is Born.  
(<http://www.amomisborn.com/>)

March 7 – Moving Women's Wages Forward - Locally and Globally  
7:30am – Simmons College Paresky Center, Boston  
17th Annual International Women’s Day Breakfast RSVP: <http://2014iwd.eventbrite.com/>

March 12 - Memory Lane Women’s History Walking  
Series – Cambridgeport

March 19 - Memory Lane Women’s History Walking  
Series – Mid-Cambridge  
12pm Meet in Front of Cambridge City Hall  
Use your lunch time to get exercise, meet new colleagues and learn about women’s history in Cambridge.

March 19 – Panel of Cambridge Elected Women  
1-2:30pm, Sullivan Chamber, Cambridge City Hall

March 20 – A Moment in Her Story: Documentary Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker Catherine Russo  
6:30pm – Cambridge Main Library  
A documentary of stories from the Boston Women’s Movement  
(<http://catherinerussodocumentaries.com/>)

March 27-29 Boston University Women’s Liberation Conference

April 3 – Rebel: Documentary Screen and Discussion with Filmmakers Calvin Lindsay Jr.  
(Cambridge Cable TV) and Maria Agui Carter  
12-2pm – Cambridge Main Library, Cambridge Employees only  
The story of Loreta Velazquez, Civil War soldier and spy

- International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month events

Commissioners reviewed the calendar of IWD and WHM events (see calendar above)

- Boston University Women’s Liberation Conference

The Boston University conference A Revolutionary Moment: Women's Liberation in the late 1960s and early 1970s will take place March 27-29. Kimberly and Emily are attending the conference. The Women’s Commission was granted approval to cover the nominal registration fees for this conference for up to three members of the commission. If you are interested in attending, please let Emily know as soon as possible.

Despite its immense achievements, the women’s liberation movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s has been minimally documented in print or on film. In recent years, however, celebrations of the movement’s accomplishments have proliferated and new films have revived interest in this revolutionary period. It seems timely therefore to bring together activists, scholars, artists, writers, and filmmakers to reflect on the movement: its accomplishments in so many domains, its unfinished business, and its relevance to contemporary work that is advancing women. The conference will engage with political, intellectual, artistic, literary, legal, and personal elements of the movement, and especially with the ways in which these elements intertwined and often reinforced each other. Films of and about the movement will be screened and a signature play of the period will be performed. Linda Gordon, University Professor of the Humanities and Florence Kelley Professor of History at New York University, will deliver the conference keynote address.

- Using City Data

The Women’s Commission worked with the Community Development Department to produce data sets on women in Cambridge. The three questions that the Women’s Commission and CDD looked at were:

1. What neighborhoods have the greatest number of young women (25-35) and the greatest number of older women (65+) living there?
2. What is the average (maybe average isn’t the best measure?) income for Cambridge women? How does it compare to state, national averages? Is there a personal income difference between married/partnered and single women (rather than “household” income)?
3. What are the top 10 occupations of working women in Cambridge? (Would this question capture SAHM if that’s how they identified in a survey?)

Please contact Emily if you’d like more information about the results.