

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

April 2, 2014

Commission Meeting – Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Marjorie, Johanne, Laura, Golnaz, Phyllis, Lisa
Staff: Kimberly, Emily

Upcoming Events

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

April 8 – Equal Pay Day

Massachusetts State House

3:15pm-4:45pm

April 9, 23, May 7, 21, June 4, 18 - Lunchtime Women's History Walks

12pm – Starts at various city buildings

Check website for information on starting place and neighborhood covered

May 7 – May CCSW Meeting

6pm Dinner 6:30pm Meeting

May 7 and 8 – Promtacular

3-4:30pm – Cambridge Main Library, Curious George Room

June 3 – Girls Sports Day

Danehy Park

9am

June 4 – June CCSW Meeting

6pm Dinner 6:30pm Meeting

June 5 – Women and Words: Women Powered Transportation

7-8:30pm – City Hall Annex Community Room

- Recap of Women's History Month

Women's History Month and International Women's Day was a resounding success. The Women's Commission was involved in sponsoring or co-sponsoring nine events.

- Debrief from Boston University Women's Liberation Conference

The March conference at Boston University was very interesting and engaging. Kimberly, Emily, Marjorie and Joanne attended. It was noted as well that there were many residents of Cambridge in attendance. The conference, both in presentations and in execution, highlighted 50 years of the women's movement – the sisterhood, the struggle, the fractious nature of the movement, the sub groups, and the issues that are still relevant and current. Approximately 500 people attended the event, though it was agreed that more diversity was needed – both racially and age-wise.

- Massachusetts Women's Justice Network Update

This week, the Massachusetts Women's Justice Network submitted a letter to the Criminal Justice Commission to pay closer attention to women's concerns in the criminal justice system in the final stage of the Commission's deliberations and recommendations to the Governor.

- City Policy Update

Emily is meeting with Deputy City Manager Lisa Peterson this week about helping the city create a Lactation Support Policy for employees.