

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

September 12, 2018

Commission Meeting

Minutes

Feminist Inman Square Trail Advisory Group

In Cambridge, 1970 brought about significant activism for women, people of color, lesbian and bisexual folks, and low-income families. From a protest of Harvard University's 1970 commencement led by Saundra Graham to insist on low-income housing for the Riverside community; to the famous 1971 takeover of a Harvard building at 888 Memorial Drive by local women – a great deal of progressive energy invigorated Cambridge's neighborhoods.

Along one street in particular – Hampshire Street (Inman Square) – feminist, socialist, and educational institutions emerged and thrived from the 1970s – 1990s. Our intern, Kimm Topping, is developing a guide/walk (exact product TBD) that explores each of these organizations and their unique contribution to Cambridge women's history.

We have an engaged and enthusiastic advisory committee made up, largely, of the women who were on the forefront of the second wave feminist movement here in Cambridge and who ran and led the businesses and organizations we are highlighting through the project. The **Feminist Inman Square Trail Advisory Group** meeting will happen **October 1, 6-8pm, in our office**. We are looking for one or two Women's Commissioner's to be part of the committee as we explore honoring the feminist history of Inman Square from the 1970s-1990s.

Women in Cambridge

Women in Cambridge is revamping itself for 2019. We are looking for commissioners to be part of the process. Currently, Barbara and Emily are planning the events.

100th anniversary of women's right to vote in 2020

We are looking for one or two Women's Commission members to serve on a committee that is looking to honor the **100th anniversary** with a public art commemoration in Cambridge. City Councillor Alanna Mallon is leading the charge. The Women's Commission, Arts Council, Historical Commission, and community members are also involved. Meetings will likely be during afternoons.

Upcoming events

September 23, 2pm (Sunday)

We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History

Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theatre, 539 Tremont Street, Boston

Q&A to follow, Tickets \$15

(sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, co-sponsored by CCSW)

We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History is a powerful musical that tells of the struggles and triumphs women have undergone to get their basic rights in America. Covering over 400 years, it shares anecdotes from the lives of 23 characters and identifies the problems women have been up against on their road towards equality. Learn about the accomplishments of hundreds of women.

September 24, 6pm (Monday)

Women in Cambridge – Art Talk

344 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Cambridge MA

Cambridge Arts and the Cambridge Women's Commission are excited to co-sponsor September's *Women in Cambridge*. Join us for an artistic evening of socializing, snacking, and networking amongst the art at Gallery 344 in the City Hall Annex. We will learn about Cambridge's vibrant Open Studios events happening this fall, hear from some of the participating artists, and learn about other imaginative and creative initiatives happening locally.

October 3, 6pm (Wednesday)

Domestic Violence Vigil

Cambridge City Hall

October 17, 6pm (Wednesday)

What is implicit bias?

Fitzgerald Theatre, CRLS

Cambridge Human Rights Commission is collaborating with the Civic Unity Committee to present an event on implicit bias, to be provided by Harvard Professor Mahzarin R. Benaji, co-author of *Blind Spot: The Hidden Biases of Good People*.

October 30, 6pm (Tuesday)

Circle Up screening and post-screening circle

Cambridge Library Lecture Hall

CCSW is co-sponsoring *Circle Up*, a call to action for reframing approaches to crime and punishment through the lens of restorative justice, forgiveness, and accountability. After the brutal slaying of her teenage son, Janet Connors reaches out to her son's killer to offer a chance for forgiveness. They team up with a group of mothers of murdered children to help young people in their community break the chain of violence and revenge.

November 4, 1pm (Sunday)

Shaping the Social Contract — Insights from the Women of Brook Farm

Cambridge Library Lecture Hall

A CCSW sponsored performance exploring how the idea of a social contract, as defined by the Brook Farmers, has evolved into the 21st century, specifically in the areas of race, gender, and class.