

CIVIC UNITY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

March 20, 2014, Sullivan Chamber 5:30 pm

"The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of diversity in the City of Cambridge."

I. Public Comment

II. Overview Of Items Councilor Simmons Wishes To Discuss This Term:

- Diversity within the City Government
- Unity Among the Interfaith Community
- Community Engagement Meetings (first of these will be next month in Riverside and Area IV)
- Special Citizens' Civic Unity Committee Re Lesson Learned From Monteiro Lawsuit/Aftermath
 - Discuss about Reasons For This Special Committee

III. Update From City Manager On Civic Unity Issues/Progress Since 2013

IV. Discussion: What Topics Would Other Committee Members Like To Focus On This Term?

V. WRAP UP

THE CIVIC UNITY COMMITTEE

In May, 1944, certain Interracial incidents in Cambridge caused concern to many people. Under the leadership of the Community Relations Committee, meetings were held to consider a constructive program to combat undemocratic behaviour and to lessen intergroup tensions. The City Manager was interested and after various consultations established a committee to promote better human relations. At the same time the Governor was urging the formation of local Citizens Committees for Racial and Religious Understanding. Such a committee was set up as part of the City Manager's own department. It held its first official meeting at City Hall in July, 1945. No funds were available until May of 1946, when the City Council voted \$2,000, which has since been increased to \$6,500.

The Cambridge Civic Unity Committee is an official agency of municipal government created to further understanding between our citizens. Approximately 45 citizens are appointed by Mr. Atkinson to serve a rotating term of three years. Staff consists of the Executive Director and a secretary. Subcommittees operate in the fields of Education, Employment, Housing, and Investigation of Incidents. The Civic Unity Committee examines and reports on the work of these subcommittees and endeavors to improve intergroup relations in Cambridge. Its intention is to stimulate democratic principles through long-term programs.

The first activity was a study of existing conditions in the community under the leadership of Dr. Gordon Allport of Harvard University. As a result of this study, two pamphlets were printed: in 1946, "THE NEGRO IN CAMBRIDGE," and in 1947, "ETHNIC ATTITUDES IN CAMBRIDGE."

June 4, 1945 Appointment of
City of Cambridge *Committee*

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Cambridge Inter-Racial Relations Committee
 First Meeting held on July 26, 1945
 Name Changed to Civic Unity Committee
 March 1947

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Aronson, Berry	June 1, 1956
Baldwin, Jos. P.	" " 1956
Belliveau, Pierre	" " 1957
Blumgart, Mrs. Herrman L.	" " 1956
Capp, Alfred G.	" " 1957
Cardozo, Antonio de J.	" " 1956
Chin, Robert	" " 1956
Clough, The Rev. Leonard G.	" " 1958
Cotter, George J.	" " 1957
Daniel Frank	" " 1956
Diodati, Nicola	" " 1957
Gibson, The Rev. W. Marvin	" " 1957
Hartstein, Abraham L.	" " 1956
Haugh, Dr. Gunnar E.	" " 1958
Johnson, Mrs. Guy H.	" " 1956
Korb, Allan	" " 1957
Landis, Mrs. Stella M.	" " 1957
Levy, Mrs. Addie M.	" " 1957
Mason, Mrs. Edward S.	" " 1957
McCabe, Miss Marie	" " 1956
McGloin (Mrs. Elio Centenari, Jean)	" " 1956
McIntyre, Richard	" " 1956
Menzel, Mrs. Donald H.	" " 1957
Miceli, Salvatore	" " 1957
Miller, J. Wade	" " 1957
Morton, Marcus	" " 1958
O'Neill, Miss Mary R.	" " 1957
O'Sullivan, Roger F.	" " 1956
Pasquarello, Quentin	" " 1957
Pfaff, Mrs. Frederick W.	" " 1957
Rousseve, Ferdinand L.	" " 1958
Sanborn, Mrs. Ashton	" " 1956
Sherwin, Mrs. Herbert	" " 1956
Smith, Miss Carol M.	" " 1957
Steinert, Alan	" " 1956
Thompson, The Rev. Ernest D.	" " 1958
Vincent, John Carter	" " 1956
Vorenberg, F. Frank	" " 1958
Wilson, Thomas B. Jr.	" " 1956
Wright, Dr. C. Conrad	" " 1956
Wyman, Richard M.	" " 1956
Yeomans, Edward Jr.	" " 1956

2/23/56 (Mr. Marcus Morton, formerly Chairman, gave up the Chairmanship at the end of his term in that office, and no new Chairman has been appointed as yet. In the interim an Administrative Committee composed of Mr. Allen Korb, Miss Carol M. Smith, and Mrs. Edward S. Mason, is carrying on the work of a Chairman)