

Cambridge GLBT Commission 9.25.06 Meeting Notes

- I. Meeting called to order – Colby Berger note taker for today
- II. Agenda accepted
- III. July minutes accepted (in absentia)
- IV. Committee Reports & Task Updates

OUT Fest Event Update – Jeff Walker

- Jeff sent draft of event agenda to Mayor Ken Reeves, Reeves approved it and will co-sponsor the event (after the meeting we received confirmation that City Hall would provide sound equipment, signage, etc.) Denise Simmons also approved. Political candidates as speakers were a question put to KR & DS.
- Subcommittee was formed to contact potential speakers & conduct outreach/publicity (Seth, Jeff & Colby)
- Outreach will be done to city workers, Cambridge Health Alliance workers, Project 10 East, local churches, schools, universities, community groups, GLBT press, Chronicle, etc.
- Lighting was raised as an issue (City Hall will handle this)
- It was decided that political candidates will be invited to attend but only Out/Allied existing Cambridge politicians (not candidates) who have worked for Cambridge GLBT issues will be invited. Speakers confirmed after the meeting (to date) – Ken Reeves, Denise Simmons, Sue Hyde, Chris Saheed, Mal Malme.
- Other speakers to be contacted – Lesley will contact Jarrett Barrios & Alice Wolf, Beth will contact Marshall Forestein, Colby will contact Project 10 East.
- Commissioners should arrive to City Hall by 5:15pm on 10/11

Establish City Ordinance or GLBT Commission

- Discussion of term appointments, language in ordinance regarding recruitment of new commissioners. Seth pulled proposed language from other ordinances, so it is felt that there is not much room for revision as the proposed language is a reflection of what has been approved in the past.
- Reviewed Executive Director Job Function
- Next Steps: Take drafts to the Ordinance Committee (Michael Sullivan & Brian Murphy) and present proposal of Executive Director to the City Manager. Group decided to do both above tasks in private before this is proposed officially to city councilors.
- Next Step: John, Seth & Lesley will set up mtgs with appropriate committee members & City Manager

Cambridge Police Dept

- Suggestion was made to develop strategy to work with an internal person at CPD who will actively advocate for and be involved with developing a training model.
- Suggestion to meet directly with the Police Commissioner

- Bob spoke with Melody Brazo who has done police training in the past (not in Cambridge).
- Next Steps: Bob will invite Melody Brazo & Kathy Keegan to next Commission meeting to share knowledge at beginning of Oct mtg.
- Next Steps: Bob will ask Melody to contact Jeff & Colby and see if she is willing to share a sample syllabus
- Next Steps: John will find a contact person at GOAL.

Senior Housing Issues

- John, Seth & Beth had a very successful meeting with Cambridge Housing Authority. Gloria Leipzing (sp?) of CHA reported that same-sex couples should be able to apply for housing and reside together (whether married or not).
- When asked about known discrimination cases, Gloria cited one, but did not know of other instances.
- Follow up Issues: Case Managers at each site might benefit from GLBT Training/Dialogue/Awareness Raising.
- Next Step: Set up a meeting with SCIT (Somerville/Cambridge Interagency Task Force) on GLBT issues.

Establishing Official City Web Page

- No update

Cambridge Ringe & Latin School

- Bob confirmed that Project 10 East Coordinator position is at 27 hrs/wk, that there is a newly hired Family Liason and an openly gay principal at CRLS. Melody told Bob that she would be sending out a letter to all principals warning that the con-con might be a difficult time for kids of GLBT parents. She also plans to have discussions about GSA's at middle schools, and hold teacher teas. Melody and Kathy will be invited to attend next Commission mtg.

V. Public Comment - none

VI. Announcements

VII. Meeting Adjourned