Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women
June 4, 2014
Commission Meeting - Minutes

Upcoming Events
June 5 – Women and Words: Women Powered Transportation
7-8:30pm – City Hall Annex Community Room

June 18 – Women’s History Walk
12pm – City Hall

Sept 4 – Women and Words: Jacki Morisi (Women and the Restaurant Industry/food)
7pm – City Hall Annex

Sept 10 – Sept CCSW Meeting
6pm dinner, 6:30pm meeting

In attendance: Srin, Phyllis, Golnaz, Johanne, Lisa, Marjorie, Laura
Staff: Kimberly, Emily

Girls Sports Day
We had a picture perfect day for our 17th annual Girls Sports Day. Everything ran very smooth.
We started the day with some dancing and stretching. Watch a video of the girls dancing on
the Women’s Commission’s Facebook page. Approximately 200 girls from all Cambridge
elementary schools came. Given the expense of this popular program, the Women’s
Commission will have discussions this summer with the Recreation Dept and the School Dept
about the budget for this program going forward.

Women in Prison: Screening of The Grey Area
Approximately 80 people attended our documentary viewing of The Grey Area and discussion
on May 21. We will be meeting with co-sponsors and table facilitators on June 10 to discuss
follow up steps. There was a lot of momentum in the room after the event and we want to
capitalize on the energy.

Golnaz mentioned that she was struck about how often women must go to jail to get safety,
shelter, food and education – sometimes for the first time in their life. Johanne remarked how
in the US, going to prison has such a stigma and changes life so dramatically, that it’s almost
impossible to have a regular life again after.

Since a number of commissioners were unable to attend, but expressed interest in seeing the
movie, the Women’s Commission will look into having a screening for commission members
one evening this summer.

Cambridge Initiative Against Domestic Violence
As a direct result of the 21/365 Campaign Against Domestic Violence, which has been meeting
since the summer of 2011, the city is going to hire a Coordinator of the Cambridge Initiative on
Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention this summer. This position is currently being advertised on the City’s website. We are publicizing through our networks and in addition if commissioners know of any potential candidates, we encourage commissioners to please forward the job description on.