



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 1974

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A single agency is needed to coordinate planning for the City's celebration of the bicentennial and preparations for visitors,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:-

That the Cambridge Bicentennial Corporation, a non-profit corporation whose directors and advisors are appointed by the City Manager, is hereby designated as the official agency of the City of Cambridge to plan for and carry out the celebration in Cambridge of the bicentennial of the American Revolution.

in City Council Jan. 28, 1974
 Adopted by yeas and nays Vote
 Yeas 9 Nays 0 Absent 0
Paul E. Leahy
 CITY CLERK City Clerk

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

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	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham	✓			
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Vellucci	✓			
Mr. Wylie		✓		
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ORDERED:

That an appropriation in the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Executive Department, F-40 Cambridge Bicentennial; said sum to be made available by transfer from the Reserve Fund, be and hereby is authorized.

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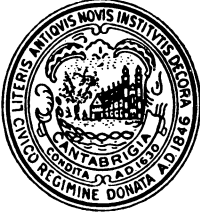
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Yeas *9* Nays *0* Absent *0*

Paul E. Healy

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager
JAMES L. FARRELL
Assistant City Manager

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Since early last year, a small committee growing out of the Harvard Square Planning for People group has been meeting informally to consider how Cambridge should be preparing for the bicentennial celebration this year and in 1975 and 1976. In December, the committee was expanded to include, among others, Mr. LeBlanc of the Budget and Personnel Department, and Mr. Sakey of the Public Library Department, both acting at my request as representatives of the City of Cambridge. Based on recommendations I have received from the committee, I am herewith communicating to your Honorable Body a program to prepare for the bicentennial celebration in the City of Cambridge.

1. Formation of a bicentennial corporation. A non-profit corporation named Cambridge Bicentennial Corporation is being formed to serve as the vehicle for Cambridge's bicentennial planning and celebration. The corporate form has been chosen because a non-profit corporation can be given various powers to engage in commercial activities - such as publishing descriptive material or licensing the use and sale of unique designs and souvenirs developed especially for Cambridge - which the City itself cannot directly engage in. In addition, a non-profit corporation can qualify to receive tax-exempt financial contributions. All of these powers will be necessary if, as is hoped, our bicentennial program can be largely financed from sources other than City funds.
2. Conduct of the corporation's work. Under the charter of the corporation, the City Manager appoints an unpaid board of directors, which will have primary responsibility for conducting the bicentennial planning and celebration. In order to make it possible for the work of the Bicentennial Corporation to get underway without delay, I am appointing as the directors at this time the members of the committee who have formulated the recommendation on which I am now acting, together with a few other Persons. I am pleased to appoint as Chairman of this board former City Councilor Robert P. Moncreiff. The names and affiliations of the directors are as follows:

Robert P. Moncreiff, Chairman (Mr. Moncreiff will be present at this meeting to answer any questions which your Honorable Body might have concerning this matter).

To: The City Council (cont.)

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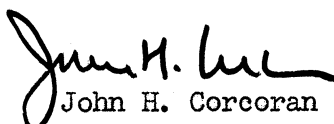
Reverend John Bryant	Civic Unity Committee
Alflorencia Cheatham	School Department
Dan Dimancescu	Bicentennial Consultant
Professor Charles W. Eliot, II	Historical Commission
Robert J. LeBlanc	Budget & Personnel Department
Walter L. Milne	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Donald C. Moulton	Harvard University
Alida O'Loughlin	Center for Adult Education
Arthur C. Parris	Planning Board
Pasquale Reale	Veterans Services Department
Joseph G. Sakey	Public Library Department
Alvin A. Tompkins	Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Robert Treat	Planning for People

It is clear that additional members of the board of directors will be needed to represent the various neighborhoods and cultural groups of the city whose active participation in the bicentennial celebration is essential. I am going to postpone appointing these additional directors until it becomes clear which of our citizens will be the leaders in their neighborhoods and cultural institutions in planning for the bicentennial. I will appoint these leaders to the board of directors at a later time.

The corporation's charter also provides for an advisory board appointed by the City Manager to advise and assist the board of directors in carrying out its responsibilities. I would expect this board to include all Cambridge citizens who want to contribute their time and energy. The advisory board would be divided into task forces for various purposes, such as neighborhood celebrations, special exhibits, publications and visitors' services. I will welcome from any source the names of interested citizens for appointment to the advisory board.

3. Funding. It is hoped and expected that over the next several weeks the Cambridge Bicentennial Corporation will develop a program for the bicentennial celebration which can be funded through state and federal grants and private contributions. The city is being asked only to provide a small staff of two full-time people and miscellaneous supporting services such as telephone, travel and the like. Space for the staff will be provided by the Cambridge Center for Adult Education at no charge except reimbursement of utilities. A modest appropriation will appear in the budget for the fiscal year beginning next July, but in the meantime, some funds will be needed to meet expenses to be incurred before the end of the current fiscal year. I am accordingly transmitting to your Honorable Body with this communication an order making \$10,000 available to the Cambridge Bicentennial Corporation for the balance of this fiscal year.
4. Designation. Because the Cambridge Bicentennial Corporation is intended to be the City's official bicentennial organization, it seems appropriate that it should be so designated by the City Council. I am transmitting herewith a resolution accomplishing that purpose with the request that your Honorable Body look with favor on it.

Very truly yours,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager



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