



Memo to: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: Pallas C. Lombardi
Director

Re: Council Order #079 dated 1/11/99 Report on why
Cambridge didn't participate in the First Night
Celebration

Date: 2/3/99

First Night's Neighborhood Network (FINN) is a community outreach project of First Night Boston. In 1998 a series of performance and visual arts collaborations amongst artists, community groups and young people and their families culminated in workshops where art is created for performance or exhibition at First Night's New Year's Eve festival. Fifteen greater Boston community collaborative programs and performance or exhibit sites became part of First Night.

The Arlington Center for the Arts and the Somerville Arts Council were funded by First Night and represented in the grand procession. Both organizations were approached by artists interested in conducting workshops with children to create puppets for the parade.

CAC has not been approached by artists or community groups interested in CAC sponsoring them in the First Night celebration or parade. We certainly will bring this opportunity up at our two public meetings with artists and organizations that apply to us for grants. Most applicants (92 last year) have stated that their interest is in working and performing in Cambridge. Cambridge unlike Somerville has multiple venues to showcase literary, performing and visual arts.

We do concur that First Night is a great community event attracting 600,000 people and I and the Arts Council chair attended again this year. If Cambridge artists and organizations are interested in participating in First Night I am sure we can help make that happen.

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February 8, 1999

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 99-15, regarding a report on why Cambridge didn't participate in the First Night celebration, received from Arts Council Director Pallas Lombardi.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

Consent Agenda #18

S-1173 *Col. B*
Relative to AR #99-15, regarding a
report on why Cambridge didn't
participate in the First Night
celebration.

In City Council February 8, 1999

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BY *Councillor Reeves*

2/22/99
No Action Taken

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