

The Honorable Cambridge City Council
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139

For Placement on the next Agenda.

Dear Members of the Council:

As you probably know, we are in the third year of the 20 years long Millennia Celebration of Native First People, who are better known as the "American Indians".

On the 24, 25, 26th of Sept. 1982, we would like to bring a rare opportunity to the City of Cambridge, A Native First People, "Indian" Festival to the banks of the Charles River. This would allow us to:

1. Celebrate the Millennia of 100,000 plus years of the continuity, history, culture, indigenous First Nations, and High Civilizations of the original inhabitants of the western hemisphere.
2. Inform, educate, and raise the consciousness and public awareness of all who wish to know more about issues that concern Native People.
3. To share a Millennia-long heritage of a people who knew science, invention, technology, and deep moral beliefs and customs, many of which affected the later democratic institutions that were founded on our ancient homeland.

We are therefore inviting Cambridge, and the general public to participate in a Festival on the 24, 25th, and 26th of September 1982, along the banks of the Charles River, preferably on both sides of the Harvard Bridge, near JFK street and the School of Government..

Logistically, we require the following, and seek the support and help of the Cambridge City Council:

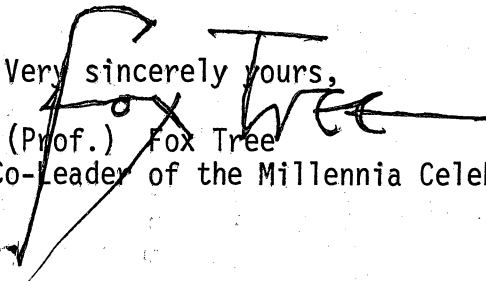
- A. Some portable comfort stations.
- B. A water tank, most likely obtained from the National Guard.
- C. Allowance to set up tipis, vans, campers with attached tables and displays of Native Art, Crafts, and Products.
- D. Space for public debate, forums, and participatory activities.

The above events would coincide with the town of Concord events for the 24th of Sept, which is Native First People Patriots Day, and a potlatch supper in the town of Concord on the evening of the 25th.

We are also planning a Native Film Festival at Harvard Univ. for the 25h, plus a play called "A Native American Musical".

We would greatly appreciate the assistance of the Cambridge City Council in making this the first significant meeting of "Indians" and the public since the coming of the Europeans and other visitors.

Very sincerely yours,


(Prof.) Fox Tree
Co-Leader of the Millennia Celebration

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7 July 1982
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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Prof. Fox Tree, Millenia Celebration of Native First People RE: requesting assistance in their Festival to be held Sept. 24-26, 1982 on the Charles River.

*Referred to
The City Manager
and City Solicitor
FOR ACTION -*

In City Council,

August 2, 1982

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City Manager -*

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+ City Manager 8/6/82
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