



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
May 4, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS: This morning, Sunday, June 7, 1998, the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage is passing through Central Square on their year-long journey to retrace the history of slavery; and
- WHEREAS: This diverse group of "pilgrims" includes artists, youth and spiritual leaders; and
- WHEREAS: The group will travel from western Massachusetts to New Orleans mostly by foot; they will continue by boat to the Caribbean, Brazil and West Africa, and along the way they will visit the sites important in the legacy of this painful history in order to understand and to heal; and
- WHEREAS: This day's journey began with a community breakfast at the First Baptist Church and continues with Sunday services at St. Paul's AME; from there the pilgrims will walk to Roxbury, where the day's journey will end at the Museum of the Natural Center of Afro American Artists; and
- WHEREAS: This pilgrimage is an opportunity for the entire community to learn about New England's role in the slave trade as well as in the antislavery movements, to confront the past with clear sightedness and open-mindedness, and to seek to heal ourselves and our community by walking consciously and prayerfully as pilgrims together; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its heartfelt welcome to the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage and wishing the pilgrims Godspeed on their journey; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to The Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 4, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Pilgrimage
the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the
middle passage

Whereas:

This morning, Sunday, June 7, 1998, ~~between~~
~~fifty and two hundred pilgrims~~ ~~a~~
~~these group of "pilgrims"~~ are passing
through Central Square on their year-
long journey to retraced the history of
slavery; and

Whereas:

This diverse group of
~~these~~ "pilgrims" includes artists, yachtsmen
and spiritual leaders; and

Whereas:

The ~~pilgrimage~~ group will travel from
western Massachusetts to New Orleans,
mostly by foot; they will continue by boat
to the Caribbean, Brazil and West Africa and
~~will visit sites important~~ along the way they
will visit the sites important in the legacy
of this painful history in order to understand
and to heal; and

Whereas:

This day's journey began with a community
breakfast at the First Baptist Church and
Sunday services at St. Paul's AME; from
there the ~~group~~ pilgrims will walk to
Roxbury; where the day's journey will end
at the Museum of the National Center of Afro
American Artists; and

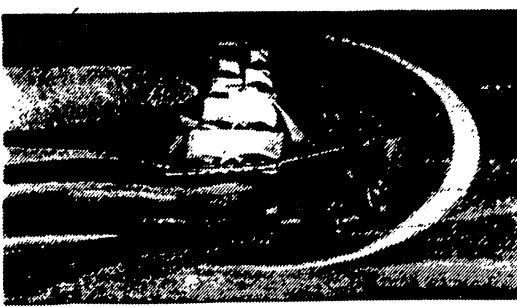
Whereas:

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entire community to learn about New England's
role in the slave trade as well as in the
antislavery movement, to confront the past
~~with~~ with ~~honesty~~ clear sightedness and
open-mindedness, and to seek to heal ourselves
and our community by walking consciously and
prayerfully ^{as pilgrims together} ~~now~~ therefore be it

Resolved. That the C.C. go on record extending its
heartfelt welcome to the Intergalactic Pilgrimage
of the Middle Passage ~~to~~ and ~~it is with~~
wishing the ~~the~~ pilgrims Godspeed on the
journey; and be it further

Resolved: SBC



see 4/27/98 @ 7:15t

The Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage

To be
prepared

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BOARD OF ADVISORS

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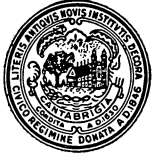
Artwork by
Tom Feelings

Cambridge event on Sunday, June 7, 1998

Between fifty and 200 "pilgrims" will pass through Central Square, Cambridge, on Sunday morning, June 7 on a year-long journey to retrace the history of slavery. A diverse group including artists, youth, and spiritual leaders will travel from western Massachusetts to New Orleans--mostly by foot. They will continue by boat to the Caribbean, Brazil, and West Africa, visiting sites important in the legacy of this painful history in order to understand and to heal. The pilgrimage is a "living prayer" for the sons and daughters of the African diaspora and also offers opportunities for those who benefited directly or indirectly from slavery and racism to take responsibility for change.

The group will arrive in Cambridge by bus (from a sleepover site in Newton) at 7 am for a community breakfast at the First Baptist Church (5 Magazine St.) and will attend 8 o'clock Sunday services at St Paul's AME Church. At 11 am, the group will gather in front of St. Paul's to begin walking toward Roxbury. Walking, chanting, and singing, the group will move down Prospect St and Mass Ave toward the river. (They expect to walk down the right side of the street, in the right hand lane.) The group's own monitors will assist in passing through stoplights with the procession unbroken, which should not be a problem at this hour of the day and week. The day's journey ends at the Museum of the National Center of Afro American Artists on Walnut Street in Roxbury. On Monday, June 9, the group will follow a guided historical walk through Boston's invisible history of slavery and resistance and Tuesday they will begin the journey south toward Providence.

Several Cambridge residents have committed to long-term walking. Organizers of the Boston / Cambridge visit of the Pilgrimage would like a billboard placed outside City Hall, and we solicit a proclamation from the City Council. (Billboard language is attached; proclamation text will reach you in mid-May). Organizers will be happy to discuss plans with any city departments that request it. Please contact Louise Dunlap @ 547-6881 (or Skip Schiel @354-0257 or Cambridge Peace Commissioner Cathy Hoffman @ 349-4694). Our Boston office number is (617) 523-0555.



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Consent Order #12

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