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Discussion moved to the Danehy Park event. Councillor Davis reported there will be a picnic, Saturday, September 28. Claire Murphy, Paul Ryder, Zelma Evelyn, and Mary Ann Jarvis are on the Committee. The theme for the event will be "Remember the Past and Reach for the Future." There will be transportation from schools all over the City.

Councillor Davis thanked Gail Nordmoe, Margaret Von Gonten and Claire Murphy for attending on behalf of the schools. She noted that the 150th Anniversary is a very "teachable moment." Meetings will be on the alternate week of the 150th Committee at the same time. All are welcome.

Maryellen Carvello noted that the food sold at the event will be provided by non-profits only.

Councillor Davis said there will also be a kite event.

Councillor Sullivan suggested inviting the police on bicycles to give their demonstration.

Gail Nordmoe asked whether kids from schools are invited to march in the parade. Councillor Sullivan said that this is the hope.

Vice Mayor Born requested that Gail Nordmoe provide a draft letter to the Principals inviting their participation for the next meeting. Ms. Nordmoe stated that she would bring a list of suggestions for school involvement to the next meeting.

Discussion moved to the block party on September 20. Rozann Kraus stated she has a commitment from Stan Strickland and Wanetta Jackson. They need staging and sound taken care of. They cannot commit to a rain date, so an inside alternative site for September 20th is needed. Paul Parravano said that M.I.T.'s ice rink could be used.

Lindsay Field said that the Longy School has a big band that will be working together all summer. Perhaps they could also play.

Discussion then turned to business outreach. Helena Rees reported that she met with Vice Mayor Born to revise a letter to go out to all businesses. It needs Tracy Gallagher's approval. Vice Mayor Born will contact architects.

Ms. Rees reported that she is talking with the Hotel Association about a

fireworks kickoff. Helena Rees then reported on the banners. The idea is to get business donations in exchange for business being able to have its logo on one banner.

Councillor Sullivan reported that the Law Department is looking at the legal issues.

Vice Mayor Born said that the alternate plan is to have banners that stretch across the street. However, if the Macy's balloons come as part of the parade, the banners would have to come down.

Maura Smith asked about how banners could be designed. Councillor Sullivan said that they are happy with one design for banners, t-shirts, hats, and promotional material. Vice Mayor Born reported that she and Councillor Sullivan met with the Chronicle's graphic designer to come up with a design.

There was discussion about public relations/information about the parade. Pallas Lombardi distributed a draft notice to invite participation. Attachment C.

Councillor Sullivan suggested requesting thematic participation.

Maura Smith suggested establishing criteria for participation, such as involvement with Cambridge, representation of community groups, etc.

Howard Rosenthal noted that it was also the 150th anniversary of the state of Iowa. Vice Mayor Born suggested looking at all other cities named Cambridge.

William Jones said that Seven-Up used to be made here.

Maura Smith reported on Palm Beach's Walk of the City, in which citizens brought bricks with their names engraved for a permanent brick walkway.

Margaret Von Gonten asked whether there would be events after September. Councillor Sullivan said that there are some long term proposals, such as a book on recent Cambridge history that may be commissioned. Margaret Von Gonten said that she was considering having a fair at which children sell items they have made in connection with this theme and that the

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children of this century are given a gift such as bench, etc., to the Cambridge of the next century.

George Hanford listed Cambridge "first's" and inventions: first printing press; first sewing machine; first ice press; first soda cracker; the Porterhouse steak.

Howard Rosenthal suggested a tree planting. Vice Mayor Born said it is important to invite dignitaries as early as possible.

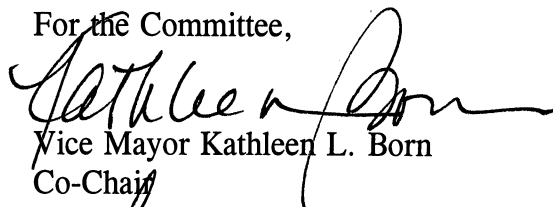
John Brennan said that in 1946 the Mayor of Cambridge, England was invited. Councillor Sullivan suggested that the invitation to all former elected officials go out soon.

Don York suggested that once there is a logo, Cable T.V. can have a logo spot, announcing events and developments.

William Jones said that the repairs on the 1934 fire truck must start soon, if the truck is to be in the parade.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

For the Committee,



Vice Mayor Kathleen L. Born
Co-Chair



Councillor Michael A. Sullivan
Co-Chair

April 26, 1996

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Susan G. Launery	Library
Lindsay Field	Arts Council
Maryellen Casvello	City Manager's
PALLAS LOMBARDI	Arts Council
Kit Rawlins	Historical Comm.
Kathleen Burr	City Council
Michael Sullivan	City Council
Helena G. Reef	chamber of Commerce
Maura Smith	Cam. Tourism
George Hanford	Cambridge Historical Society
Rick JARVIS	Com/ENERGY
LILI ALLEN	CC.S
ROXANNE KANS	DANCE COMPLETE
Margaret Chung	City Clerk
Don York	Library
Margaret Van Gaster	Cambridge Public Schools Sa. St.
Jill Feltner	Cambridge Public Schools
Chase Murphy	Cambridge " "
Howard Jay Donath	Cambridge Current
William Jones	Norfolk Street

Possible Bands and Performers for 150th Parade

AVAILABLE BANDS: (12)	# In Group	Fee
Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes and Drums	15 - 30	\$ 1,250
Boston Crusaders Senior Drum and Bugle Corps.	70 - 100	3,000
Reading High School Marching Band	110	2,000
Boston University Marching Band	100 - 120	2,000
Clan MacPherson Pipe Band	20	1,000
Panorama Steel Pan Band (will need a flat bed truck)	6	600 +
African Drumming Group (thru ABDM) need truck	4 - 5	800 +
Batacuda Belles (Women's Percussion Ensemble)	12 - 15	200
M.I.T. Marching Band	20 - 25	free
Mass. Maritime Academy Band (plus Honor Guard)	25 - 40	500
Hot Tamale Brass Band	8	600
Sons of Italy Drum and Bugle Corps.		1,600
Subtotal:		\$13,550
UNCONFIRMED BANDS: (6)		<i>Est. fee</i>
C.R.L.S. Band		400
Cambridge Philharmonic		1,000
Roma Band		2,000
Band of Liberty (Hanscom A.F.B.)		1,000
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Band/Drum & Bugle Corps.		1,000
Harvard Marching Band		500

Subtotal unconfirmed: \$ 5,900

Total for Bands: \$19,450

Other Band Options:

Boston College Marching Band

Colonial Boys of Norwood

Klassy Clowns Band

Dedham High School Marching Band

Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass Society

Melchiorri's Dixieland Hobos

Colonial Band of Lawrence

Colonial Pipers Bagpipe Band

Other Types of Performers

AVAILABLE:

Cycling Murrays 500

Alex the Jester 125

Boris Funovitch, Stiltwalker 125

Antique Auto Club of America - MA. Chapter (for 10 cars) 500

Subtotal for other performers: \$1,250

UNCONFIRMED:

Dream Team

Budweiser Clydesdales

Antique fire truck(s)

Longy School (big band for dance party)

D R A F T

(For community groups, cultural organizations and printing in the Chronicle)

CELEBRATE CAMBRIDGE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Cambridge is planning a really big party--celebrating its 150 years of incorporation as a city--and wants YOU to participate.

Festivities will kick off this May 29 with a special City Council meeting where our City Councillors will debate the documented issues from an 1846 Council meeting, and will continue right through the summer with a number of neighborhood tributes. The celebrations will culminate in a month-long extravaganza of City-wide activities this September. All of these events will focus on our 150 years of history as a City, during which time Cambridge changed from a quiet agricultural community to the bustling center of education, technology, and culture it is today.

Plans for the September grand finale include: A **Block Dance Party** in front of City Hall, a special commemorative **Golf Tournament** (a customary event in all previous City anniversaries), a **Family Sports Day and Picnic** at beautiful Mayor Thomas W. Danehy Park, a dazzling **Fireworks Display**, and a magnificent **Parade** on Saturday, September 7, leading into the **19th Cambridge River Festival**.

There are many ways that YOU can be a part of all this--community groups, cultural organizations, clubs and individuals are invited to get involved in ALL the 150th events.

The 150th Anniversary Planning Committee is looking for creative ideas--especially for the **Parade**--floats, costumed pageants, objects pushed, carried, or ridden; musical, dance and theatrical groups--anything you can think of that will in some way reflect our City's rich and diverse heritage.

For more information about how you can participate in **Cambridge's 150th Celebrations**, please call or write???

City of Cambridge

The Committee on the Sesquicentennial Celebration held a public meeting on April 26, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Ackermann Room for the purpose of continuing to plan the celebration.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and Vice Mayor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Henrietta Davis, and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. For a complete list of those present, please see Attachment A.

The Co-Chairs convened the hearing and explained the purpose.

The meeting began with an update on plans for the parade. Lindsay Field reported on bands and distributed a list of available bands. Attachment B.

Vice Mayor Born asked about the bands listed as "unconfirmed." Ms. Field said that they are all actively being pursued. Those listed as "Other Band Options" have not all been confirmed.

Vice Mayor Born said that she and Councillor Sullivan will be taking this budget to the City Manager. Councillor Sullivan thanked the Arts Council for their hard work.

William Jones said Waltham Post American Legion Band, Lehman Hill Post, Waltham, should be contacted and so should the Spirit of '76 Band and the West Newburyport Fireman's Band and St. Camilla's fife and trumpet band in Far Rockaway, N.Y. Rick Jarvis suggested contacting North Cambridge Catholic and Matignon High Schools.

Councillor Sullivan said that the intent is to get as much participation as possible.

Vice Mayor Born asked Lindsay Field to continue to work on obtaining a list of the bands that marches in the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Discussion then turned to the parade route. The current plan is to go up to Cambridge Street from the Commonwealth Energy lot, down Prospect Street, up Massachusetts Avenue around the Common, Garden Street to Brattle Street, down Mount Auburn Street to the Charles River. This is 3.1 miles.

Ms. Field said that the bands she is talking to are telling her that the route should be about two miles.

Vice Mayor Born said that the current parade route goes through all three of the neighborhoods that were combined into one City of Cambridge at the time of incorporation.

Committee Report #1

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A report from Vice Mayor Born, Co-Chair,
and Councillor Michael a. Sullivan,
Co-Chair, the Committee on the
Sesquicentennial Celebration on a meeting
held on April 26, 1996 for the purpose
of continuing to plan the celebration.

In City Council May 20, 1996

*Report Accepted -
Placed on file.*