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Vice Mayor Galluccio opened the meeting by stating the meeting was called as a formal hearing in an effort to increase the participation in the Memorial Day Parade by various youth groups. He stated that he would like the Recreation Department to contact the youth groups to see if they will participate in the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Stevens informed the committee that the West Cambridge Little League will be helping to decorate the graves at the cemetery. Mr. Stevens provided the committee with a list of groups participating in the parade. (ATTACHMENT A) He further stated five bands, drill teams and reenactors will be participating in the parade.

A discussion arose about youth groups who are not participating in the parade. A plan was devised to contact various youth groups in an effort to encourage their participation in the parade. Contact persons were assigned by the committee to encourage their participation in the parade.

Mr. Clark asked if there was a timeline for the inclusion of the groups in the parade. Mr. Stevens responded that a timeline needs to be set because of the positioning of the groups in the parade.

Vice Mayor Galluccio asked if the Armory was involved in the parade. Mr. Stevens stated that the Armory was committed to another city for Memorial Day. Vice Mayor Galluccio stated that we have to work on the Armory early for participation in next years parade.. He would draft a letter to the Armory.

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Vice Mayor Galluccio asked Mr. Stevens if there was an orientation session to inform the participating groups of their role. He noted that the parade is a solemn event to remember deceased veterans, family and friends. Mr. Stevens responded in the affirmative. He further stated that the key to the orderliness is that the youth are informed that the parade is a ceremony in memory of the dead.

Vice Mayor Galluccio asked that supervisors of the youth groups be asked to be at the parade route to thank the groups for their participation in the parade. Mr. Reale stated that he agreed with Vice Mayor Galluccio on this matter. Vice Mayor Galluccio stated that if Community Schools participated in the parade he would like Ms. Keegan to stop by the parade route and thank the participants.

Mr. Stevens informed the committee that the time frame that is needed to plan the parade with the Police Department and the observance of the ceremony at the cemetery cannot be changed. Vice Mayor Galluccio stated that we will have a clear picture about increased participation which may increase the parade length in about ten days. May 8th will be the deadline for all contacts to the youth groups.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided that the following youth groups would be contacted and the contact persons will be as follows:

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Armory	Vice Mayor Galluccio/Kevin Clark
Youth Soccer	Joe Grassi
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Community Schools	Vice Mayor Galluccio/David Kale
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YMCA	Vice Mayor Galluccio
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Mr. Goodwin stated that he would handle giving out the flags to the youth groups.

Mr. Stevens informed the committee that he would need the name, address and telephone number for groups who will commit to participate on Memorial Day. The parade will last from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Written document will be provided to the groups outlining the parade route, he said.

Vice Mayor Galluccio stated that he would be the contact person. Mr. Stevens would only be contacted on confirmation of the participation of the various groups.

Vice Mayor Galluccio thanked the attendees. The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock and thirty-five minutes a.m.

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Committee Report #4

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In City Council May 11, 1998

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