



City of Cambridge

Communication #6

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 22, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to this City Council as to the status and progress of TECH 2000 by the last Council meeting in June, the mid-summer August meeting, the first Council meeting in September, and periodically thereafter.

In City Council May 22, 1995

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

May 18, 1995

City Council Members
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall Cambridge MA 02139

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Dear Honorable Councilors:

My name is Tony Knopp, I live at 9 Cutler Avenue, I am co-chair of the Tobin School Council and I am here representing a large number of Cambridge public school parents and voters - all of us very interested and concerned in TECH 2000.

We are here for three purposes - to thank the City Manager, share with you our concerns and make a request of the City Manager through the City Council. Parenthetically a similar communication is being submitted to the School Council ~~Council Committee~~

First the City Manager's response to the School Department's TECH 2000 plan is welcomed by us parents. The questions raised by the Manager in his letter to Ms. McGrath on April 11, 1995 are not only legitimate and valid, but in answering them a more effective and powerful TECH 2000 will be implemented. The creation of a working task force consisting of City Hall and Thorndike Street staff to bring TECH 2000 to fruition is appreciated and one which, we parents, fully support. We thank the City Manager for his involvement and action and look forward to his continued guidance in this important matter.

Second, let me share two concerns we parents presently have about TECH 2000. We are concerned that during the summer months the working group will not meet, thereby delaying important work. The consequences of such inaction could be that TECH 2000 will not be ready for inclusion in the capital budget process this Fall. Our second concern is somewhat paradoxical. We, parents of Cambridge Public Schools students, are pleased with City Hall's response and the involvement of Library and Department of Human Services staff in moving TECH 2000 forward. This broad and inclusive involvement can only strengthen and increase technology opportunities and access for all Cantabrigians. Nevertheless we must not lose sight of the core mission and goal of TECH 2000 which is to increase and make available technology education in its broadest manifestations to all sixteen public schools and their staff as well as **ALL** of its students.

Our third purpose for coming before you is to request of you honorable members in conjunction with the City Manager monthly reports on the TECH 2000 group's work. We feel it is appropriate that communication regarding progress as well as problems are available so we parents and voters can follow the work of this important group.

We thank you - City Manager and City Councilors, for your involvement and support so far and look forward to your continued support on this crucial issue in the coming months which has an election scheduled.

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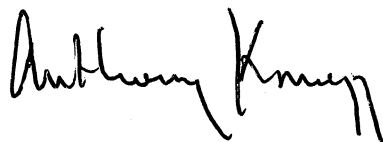
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Consent Communication #6

Comm. was received from Tony
Knopp, co-chair of the Tobin
School Council, regarding support
of the TECH 2000.

*Report received 6/26/95
See Agenda #14 of 6/26/95.*

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Order Adopted