

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7164



STREET CLOSING
WATER STREET, SW AND PORTIONS OF 7TH, 9TH AND N STREETS, SW
AND M PLACE, SW ADJACENT TO SQUARES 390, 391, W471 AND W473
(S.O. 10-15906)

Southwest, Washington, DC

Submitted by the District of Columbia Office of the Surveyor

November 4, 2010

Commission Action Requested

Approval of comments to the Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Code § 9-202.02.

Commission Action

The Commission:

Advises the Council of the District of Columbia that the closing of Water Street, SW and portions of 7th Street, 9th Street, N Street and M Place, SW would not adversely affect the identified federal interests based on the following:

- This portion of Water Street, SW was not considered a contributing factor when the L'Enfant Plan was originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- This portion of Water Street, SW no longer serves as a functional street.
- The developer has agreed to maintain service access to Maine Lobsterman Park, a National Park Service property, and public access to the waterfront along the bulkhead.
- The House of Representatives is reviewing legislation to transfer the land delineated as the Southwest Waterfront Project Site to the District of Columbia, which includes Water Street, SW.

Recommends that the District of Columbia continue working with NCPC staff to address the Southwest Ecodistrict Task Force's September 29, 2010 comments on the Southwest Waterfront plan regarding the maintenance of reciprocal views and the need to strengthen pedestrian connections between the Southwest Waterfront and the 10th Street corridor.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission