

**PROPOSED CLOSING OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY
IN SQUARE 1300
TUNLAW ROAD AND W PLACE, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C.
(S.O. 05-5470)**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

December 30, 2005

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I comment favorably that the proposed closing of a portion of a public alley in Square 1300, Tunlaw Road and W Place, NW, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 71.00(44.40)41939, (S.O. 05-5470), would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, and would not have any adverse impact on any identified federal interest.

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The District of Columbia Surveyor has submitted a proposal to close a portion of the alley system in Square 1300. This square, located in northwest Washington, DC, is bounded on the north by Calvert Street, on the south by W Place, on the east by Hall Place, and on the west by Tunlaw Road and 37th Street. The portion of the public alley proposed to be closed extends in a north – south direction through the center of the square between 37th Street on the north and W Place on the south. It varies in width between 10 and 15 feet and is unimproved. The square has a significant east – west grade change resulting in the need for a retaining wall along a portion of the alley. The retaining wall collapsed in 1961. The alley has been closed and barricaded to vehicular (but not pedestrian) traffic since that time, and the city has condemned the alley. The portion to be closed would revert back to the adjacent property owners.

There are no federal properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposed alley closing and the proposal is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its December 14, 2005 meeting and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies present.

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