

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



NCPC File No. 6499

**PARTIAL ALLEY CLOSING IN SQUARE 1297
ADJACENT TO LOTS 800, 72, 102, AND 103
S.O. 04-7524 - Update**

Square bounded by 34th, 35th, and R Streets, NW and Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the District of Columbia Office of the Surveyor

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

March 26, 2009

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and D.C. Code § 9-202.02, I find that the proposed partial closing of a public alley in Square 1297, bounded by 34th, 35th, and R Streets, NW and Wisconsin Avenue, NW, in Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 71.00(44.40)42727, would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital nor would it adversely affect any other federal interests.

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The District of Columbia Office of the Surveyor has submitted, on behalf of the owner of lots 72 and 103, an application for a partial alley closing in Square 1297 adjacent to lots 800, 102, 103, and 72. The section to be closed includes a 216 square-foot area extending west of the main portion of the alley. The closure has been requested to facilitate maintenance of the area and to prevent illegal parking. The Square is located within the Georgetown Historic District; any future construction within the Square would be subject to design review.

The proposed partial alley closing was first reviewed by NCPC in 2004 and delegated to the Executive Director who found the proposed closing would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and would not have an adverse affect on any federal interests. At that time, the land would have reverted to the owners of lots 103, 102, and 73. However, the 2004 proposal was not implemented. For the current submission, the land will revert to the owner of lots 103 and 72. The owner of lot 102 has agreed to the current terms of the alley closing. Lots 72 and 103 will continue to have access to the public alley. Lot 800 has access to another alley.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on March 11, 2009, and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated by all agencies present.

Marcel C. Acosta
Executive Director