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NCPC Reviews Plans for Security at Union Station and a Site Proposal for the Memorial to Victims of the Ukrainian Manmade Famine *NCPC Strategic Plan and a Presentation on St. Elizabeths also on the Agenda*

Washington, DC – At its October meeting today, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved a submission from the Federal Railroad Administration, AMTRAK, and the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation for preliminary and final site development plans for perimeter security at Union Station. The plans call for a line of bollards and other security elements around the south, east, and west sides of the portico at the front of Union Station, along with widened sidewalks at the south and east sides of the building, in addition to associated modifications to the curblines.

The perimeter security plans include 194 fixed and 11 removable bollards measuring approximately 5 feet on center and 30 inches in height. The bollards will be painted black to correspond with the historic rostral columns in Columbus Plaza. Four new granite neoclassical elements will be added to punctuate the bollard line at prominent piers on the station's façade.

The Commission also reviewed and approved a proposed site selection for the Memorial to Victims of the Ukrainian Manmade Famine submitted by the National Park Service on behalf of the Government of Ukraine. The approved site, Reservation 78, is approximately 3100 square-feet in size and is located at the intersection of North Capitol Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and F Street in Northwest Washington, DC near the National Postal Museum.

The Commission selected the site over the National Park Service's preferred site, Reservation 196; a 3800 square-foot triangular park that is located four blocks north of the U.S. Capitol along New Jersey Avenue.

The proposed memorial has not yet been designed, but the applicant has stated that it is expected to be a contemplative space with a small-scale memorial element appropriate for a landscaped setting.

A third item approved by the Commission today was the agency's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2014. The final plan reflects comments received during a 45-day public comment period, as well as consultation with Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The plan outlines NCPC's strategic goals and objectives and includes a revised vision, mission, and values statements. Per guidance provided by OMB, the plan also contains detailed means and strategies that NCPC will use to accomplish its goals.

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A request for the Commission to consider a proposed amendment to the Commission's final approval on September 4, 2008 of site and building plans for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial was removed from the agenda at the request of the National Park Service.

The meeting concluded with an information presentation on the progress of the St. Elizabeths Master Plan. The Commission does not take action on information presentations.

This month's agenda also included two consent calendar items (no presentation given) that the Commission approved: Preliminary site and building plans for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Southwest Washington, DC; and preliminary and final building plans for replacement of the Maritime Search and Rescue Communications System and Supporting Equipment at the U.S. Coast Guard Telecommunication and Information Systems Command.

Information about actions taken at today's Commission meeting can be accessed at www.ncpc.gov.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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