



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Closing of Portion of a Public Street in Square 5603 (S.O. 15-25098) Ridge Place and 13th Street, SE Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7692
	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 82.00(44.40)44185
SUBMITTED BY District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Surveyor	ACTION TAKEN Approval of Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval of Comments to the Council of District of Columbia on Street and Alley Closings per DC Code § 9-202.02

The District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Surveyor, requested comments on the closure of an unimproved portion of Fairlawn Avenue, SE. Square 5603 is a triangular-shaped parcel roughly bound by Ridge Place, SE to the south, 13th Street, SE to west, 14th Street, SE the east, and DC 295 on the northwest.

Per the Applicant's materials submitted to the Office of Surveyor, the portion of the unimproved street is the primary access to the Applicant's lot, and the Applicant's lot is the only lot serviced by this portion of the street (the Applicant's lot also has alley access). The portion of the street proposed for closure is currently used as an informal dumping ground. The Applicant proposes to use the lot for urban agriculture, which is a use consistent with the area's CM-1 (Commercial-Light Manufacturing) zoning district. NCPC staff calculates that the portion of the street that is proposed to be closed is approximately 11,700 square feet.

There are no federal properties near Square 5603 with the potential to be affected by the proposed street closure and the street is not part of the L'Enfant Street Plan; the closure is also not inconsistent with the federal interests identified within the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the project at its June 17, 2015 meeting and forwarded the proposed street closing to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all participating agencies except the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The representative for DDOT recommended further consultation with the applicant on the necessity of the closing. The participating agencies were: NCPC; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office; the General Services Administration; the National Park Service; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and DC Code § 9-202.02, I find that the proposed closing of a portion of Fairlawn Avenue, SE in Square 5603, at the intersection of Ridge Place and 13th Street, SE, would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

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