

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIONS
TAKEN AT COMMISSION MEETING ON
December 7, 2017

Open Session

Present:

L. Preston Bryant, Jr. Chairman (presiding)
Evan Cash (Council of the District of Columbia)
Arrington Dixon
Tom Gallas
Geoffrey Griffis
Peter May (Department of the Interior)
Kevin Ortiz (US House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform)
Michael Rhodes (Department of Defense)
Eric Shaw (Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia)
Mina Wright (General Services Administration)

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Without objection, the open session agenda was adopted as the order of business.

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1. Report of the Chairman

The Chairman noted that Congressman Trey Gowdy advised that Julie Dunne, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Government Operations, and Kevin Ortiz, Professional Staff Member, are his designated alternates.

The Chairman noted that several Commissioners had attended a December 6 field trip to the Food and Drug Administration Headquarters at White Oak.

He then read a resolution regarding Barry Socks' 42 years of public service and contributions to NCPC, and presented Mr. Socks with a recognition award.

2. Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority. Note: unless otherwise indicated, projects are located in Washington, DC.

1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a fence extension at the Embassy of Morocco, 3508 International Drive, NW. (5253)

2. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for stormwater management improvements at Joint Base Myer–Henderson Hall, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia. (7906)
3. Approved preliminary site development plans for the phase 2 lighting plan at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters consolidation at St. Elizabeths West Campus, 2700 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE. (7929)
4. Approved preliminary site development plans for the proposed Gate 3 relocation at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters consolidation at St. Elizabeths West Campus, 2700 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE. (7930)
5. Approved preliminary site development plans for an emergency landing zone at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters consolidation at St. Elizabeths West Campus, 2700 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE. (7933)
6. Approved preliminary site and building plans for a Corridor 8 entrance pedestrian access control point at the Pentagon Reservation, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. (7934)

PLANNING UPDATES

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Executive Committee met in November to draft an action plan that includes near-, mid-, and long-term strategies to improve the Avenue. Near-term strategies will focus on programmatic improvements to strengthen the Avenue’s identity and character, and mid-term strategies include the planning work necessary to advance the initiative. The long-term strategies will focus on redesigning the Avenue to reinforce its civic significance, strengthen its daily use and experience, and ensure operational success. Staff anticipates providing an update to the Commission on the action plan in spring 2018.

Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Smithsonian Institution is preparing a master plan for its South Mall Campus, which includes the Smithsonian Castle and adjacent museums and facilities on the National Mall. As part of this process, the Smithsonian developed three action alternatives and one no action alternative. As the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, NCPC will evaluate the plan’s potential environmental impacts. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for review and comment through January 16, 2018. NCPC will host two public meetings for attendees to learn more about the proposed master plan and the alternatives under consideration, and provide feedback. Meetings at NCPC’s offices will take place on Monday, December 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and Monday, December 18 from 10:00 am to noon.

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements

Staff continues working on an update to the Parks & Open Space Element. Anticipated changes include reorganized content and streamlined policies to address emerging issues such as balancing multiple uses within parks; providing access to, and connections between, parks; and building partnerships and coordination among multiple landowners and jurisdictions. Staff anticipates submitting the draft to the Commission and requesting the release for public comment in early

2018. Staff also began the process for two other updates by developing work plans for the Federal Workplace and Transportation Elements.

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements

Staff provided comments to the DC Office of Planning on policies regarding commemoration, landmarks and memorial design to inform the DC Office of Planning's amendment of the District of Columbia's Urban Design Element. This effort is part of the District's ongoing Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle. NCPC anticipates reviewing this in 2018.

Regional Plan Review

Staff provided comments on the Preliminary Greater Cheverly Sector Plan amendment to the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. The plan amendment covers a 2,165-acre planning area containing the residential communities of Englewood, Landover Knolls, Newton Village, Oaklyn, Radiant Valley, and the Town of Cheverly. The plan includes implementable recommendations that address community heritage; culture and design; economic prosperity; healthy communities; land use; natural environment; and transportation and mobility.

Dockless Bicycles in the Nation's Capital

NCPC is coordinating with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and multiple federal agencies to identify impacts dockless bikes may have on federal facilities and lands; memorials and museums; security; maintenance and operations; and other federal interests. The District recently unveiled a pilot program which will last until April 2018. Federal stakeholders raised concerns about where the bicycles are parked (specifically on federal parkland), as well as their potential impact on secured perimeters and public ingress/egress areas. NCPC will provide DDOT with a consolidated report summarizing federal concerns and recommendations as DDOT continues to evaluate the benefits and impacts and develop appropriate regulations for a dockless bicycle system in Washington, DC.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

NCPC explores temporary commemoration in Philadelphia

On November 3, the Executive Director and several NCPC staff spoke with the Mural Arts Philadelphia group about their Monument Lab project, which is similar to the Commission's recent Memorials for the Future ideas competition. The group is using temporary monuments to start a larger dialogue about appropriate commemoration in Philadelphia. This public art and history project included 20 temporary monuments installed across Philadelphia's iconic public squares, neighborhood parks, and other city sites. Each monument was coupled with a lab to invite residents and visitors to share their own ideas about an appropriate monument for the city. All public comment entries were compiled into a public online database, which researchers will evaluate and help identify shared values of the city, and diverse perspectives of its residents. The Monument Lab will summarize the cultural data in a report and present it to city officials to help identify new approaches to commemoration. The project closed on November 19, 2017.

Presentations to College Students

On November 9 the Executive Director and Commissioner Eric Shaw, Director, DC Office of Planning, spoke with visiting students from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design's Real Estate Club. On November 16 Office of Public Engagement Director Julia Koster and Paul

DesJardin, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Director, Community Planning Services spoke to the Decision Makers, Roles of Planners and Politics class at Catholic University's School of Architecture.

NCPC Hosts Australian Visitor

On November 21, NCPC welcomed Terry Weber, the Chairman of the National Capital Authority in Canberra, Australia for a short visit. Chief Operating Officer Barry Socks and Director, Office of Public Engagement Julia Koster briefed him on NCPC's current activities, and discussed shared capital city issues.

3. Legislative Update

The General Counsel had nothing to report.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Gallas advised that given a potential conflict of interest, he was recusing himself from voting on Agenda Item 4F.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and unanimously carried, the Commission moved Item 5C, preliminary site and building plans for a new hangar facility at Joint Base Andrews, to the Consent Calendar.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Wright, and carried, Gallas not voting on 4F, the Commission approved Items 4A-4H on the Consent Calendar.

4A. United States Department of Homeland Security, James J. Rowley Training Center, 9200 Powder Mill Road, Laurel, Maryland – James J. Rowley Training Center Master Plan. (NCPC File No. MP63)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), advises the Department of Homeland Security that it:

Supports the selected site for the Defense Tactical Facility, as it is adjacent to existing development on the campus.

Supports the goals and objectives of the 2017 Rowley Training Center Master Plan, which align with many Comprehensive Plan policies. The Commission approved these goals and objectives with the 2012 master plan.

Notes that the United States Secret Service has responded to the Commission's action from May 4, 2017 regarding additional stormwater management and tree replacement information:

- USSS states that it is required by the State of Maryland to treat 458,000 cubic feet of stormwater and it is proposing to treat 488,000 cubic feet. Staff notes that the State of Maryland's requirements are more stringent than federal requirements.
- USSS states in the RTC Final Master Plan it intends to comply with the Comprehensive Plan policy regarding tree replacement and has included this policy in the plan.
- USSS also commits to complying with the tree policy by completing a tree survey conducted by a certified arborist and a Tree Replacement Report for the DTF project. They will submit the report to NCPC and the local government for review and comments prior to submitting the DTF project to NCPC for its review.

Therefore, **approves** the Final Rowley Training Center Master Plan, dated October 2017, for use by the Commission as a guide for future reviews of individual site and building projects at the Rowley Training Center located in Laurel, Maryland.

- 4B. United States General Services Administration, St. Elizabeths West Campus, United States Department of Homeland Security, 2700 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE, Washington, DC – West Addition Building (NCPC File No. 7829)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), advises the United States General Services Administration that it:

Approves the final site and building plans for the West Addition, a 90,000 gross-square-foot facility that will connect to the Center Building on its southwestern side.

- 4C. United States Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall, Fort McNair, Southwest, Washington, DC – Building 58 Modifications and Addition (NCPC File No. 7870)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), advises the United States Department of Defense, Department of the Army that it:

Approves the preliminary and final site and building plans for the Building 58 Modifications and Addition at Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

Notes that the applicant has addressed previous Commission comments regarding additional visual impacts analysis, entry plaza design, exterior material palette selection, and stormwater management compliance.

- 4D. United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, Joint Base Andrews, Camp Springs, Maryland – Building Relocation (NCPC File No. 7872)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), advises the United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy that it:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for the proposed building relocation, located at Joint Base-Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland.

Notes that the Commission does not have a recent master plan for Joint Base-Andrews to inform its review; however, the proposed project is located on the only available site that will accommodate its safety setback requirements and this would not change in an updated master plan.

Notes that the Commission will need an updated master plan for review of projects located elsewhere on the installation in the future.

Finds that the applicant is in compliance with an agreement between Joint Base Andrews and the State of Maryland to replace 60% of the tree canopy to be removed. This complies with NCPC's tree replacement policy, which defers to local/state regulations.

Finds that the applicant has successfully responded to the Commission's action from May 4, 2017 related to wetlands, floodplains, and stormwater management.

4E. United States General Services Administration, Nebraska Avenue Complex, United States Department of Homeland Security, 3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW, Washington, DC – New Guard Booth and Fence Augmentation (NCPC File No. 7903)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), advises the United States General Services Administration that it:

Notes that the U.S. General Services Administration has provided a landscaping plan for the Nebraska Avenue Complex (NAC) that will effectively minimize visual impacts of the chain link/barbed wire fence that can be viewed from public space.

4F. National Capital Planning Commission, 2715 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC – NCPC Concurrence on Development within Restricted Area at Square 1194, Lot 15 (NCPC File No. 7928)

The Commission, pursuant to Deed in Liber 9780, folio 56 and Deed in Liber 9755, folio 65, advises that it:

Concurs that Initio, LP has the right to build, maintain, and rebuild the proposed development within the setback area on the parcel at Square 1194, Lot 15, as described in Liber 9780 at folio 55, notwithstanding the restrictions in the Amoco Deed (dated April 30, 1952 and recorded in Liber 9755 at folio 65) and the U.S. Deed (dated June 23, 1952 and recorded in Liber 9780 at folio 55).

Notes that this concurrence applies only to the construction, maintenance, or rebuilding of the planned unit development approved by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission (Case No. 15-18), and that any future structural improvements within this restricted area must be brought back to the National Capital Planning Commission for review and concurrence.

Notes that the Commission Action for this review will be recorded against the property in the land records of the District of Columbia.

4G. United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, Northeast, Washington, DC - Anacostia Riverwalk Trail Pedestrian Bridge to the National Arboretum (NCPC File No. 7936)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), advises the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service that it:

Supports the proposed trail and bridge project, as it will provide an important pedestrian and bicycle link between the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and the National Arboretum.

Requests the National Park Service continue to coordinate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure the proposed trail connections between Anacostia Park and the National Arboretum are accessible, and that appropriate signage and wayfinding is provided for trail users.

Recommends further evaluation of the trail intersections to ensure that the proposed lay-bys, benches and other uses will not conflict with pedestrian and bicyclist circulation, considering the lines-of-site and set-backs necessary to allow for such uses.

Requests further details about how the kayak and canoe launch will be accessed and if there will be impacts to the existing sea wall.

5C. United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, Joint Base Andrews, Camp Springs, Maryland – New Hangar Facility (NCPC File No. 7873)

The Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) advised the United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy that it:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for the new hangar facility, located at Joint Base-Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland.

Notes that the Commission does not have a recent master plan for Joint Base-Andrews to inform its review, however, the proposed project site is located in an area already occupied by hangars with access to the existing airfield, and this will not change in an updated master plan.

Notes that the Commission will need an updated master plan for review of projects located elsewhere on the installation in the future.

Building Design

Notes that per the Commission's earlier request, the applicant has provided a viewshed analysis of the hangar from different locations on the installation, and that topography, forested areas, and development will obscure the proposed hangar from most vantage points.

Finds that while the hangar does not create significant visual impacts from much of the surrounding area, its mass and scale are substantial when viewed within close proximity of other hangars and buildings.

Recommends that the applicant consider ways to minimize the scale of the new hangar building by using a variety of materials and textures in the façade, simplifying the main entry embellishment, and incorporating additional trees/landscaping around the building site.

Recommends that the applicant enhance the project to meet installation sustainability goals by incorporating measures such as permeable materials, rooftop solar panels (assuming no operational impacts), bicycle facilities, and carpool/vanpool parking.

Requests the applicant provide design details for the proposed perimeter security fences.

Site

Notes the applicant proposes 217 new surface parking spaces to accommodate relocated employees on-site.

Requests that the applicant demonstrate how the new parking will affect the overall installation parking capacity.

Finds that the applicant is in compliance with an agreement between Joint Base Andrews and the State of Maryland to replace 60% of the tree canopy to be removed. This complies with NCPC's tree replacement policy, which defers to local/state regulations.

Additional Information

Requests additional information in the final submission that demonstrates compliance with:

- Applicable State and federal stormwater management requirements; and
- Floodplains/wetland impact mitigation requirements.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5A. United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington, DC – National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial (NCPC File No. 7745)

UPON MOTION by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Griffis, and carried unanimously, the Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 8905, Public Law 113-291, and Public Law 115-18, advised the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service that it:

Notes the proposed memorial area will occupy less than one-quarter of an acre.

Regarding the Constitution Avenue site:

Finds the site has a strong thematic connection to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Notes the site is located at the edge of West Potomac Park, near the National Mall, approximately seven blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metrorail Station.

Recommends the applicant consider how the proposed memorial design might respond to the future re-establishment and extension of Constitution Avenue.

Notes that several major infrastructure projects are proposed for the Constitution Avenue site that may affect the memorial design, including the DC Water Potomac River Tunnel and Army Corps of Engineers Potomac Park Levee improvements.

Finds the Constitution Avenue site may allow for the addition of other thematically-related memorials or commemorative elements in the future, due to its size and location; however, the area may require substantial improvements to the street and pedestrian network to establish a cohesive and functional precinct.

Regarding the Walt Whitman Park site:

Notes the site was identified in the Monumental Core Framework Plan as part of a linear commemorative park connecting the White House and Kennedy Center.

Notes the site is located within an urban context, surrounded by variety of office and commercial uses, approximately five blocks from the Farragut West Metrorail Station.

Notes the site is separated from the grouping of 20th Century war memorials located on the National Mall, but is near other sites, such as the U.S. Department of State Headquarters, the U.S. Diplomacy Center, and White House, that are also relevant to the memorial in terms of diplomacy and international cooperation.

Finds the site would permit the addition of other thematically related memorials or commemorative elements in the future due to its size, and would need only limited improvements to establish a cohesive and functional precinct.

Regarding the Belvedere site:

Finds the Belvedere site has limited opportunity for contemplative space and challenging access; however, the location does allow for a thematic connection to Arlington National Cemetery which is visible across the river.

Regarding the Memorial Circle site:

Finds the Memorial Circle site provides a thematic connection to Arlington National Cemetery and other nearby military memorials, but is currently challenged by pedestrian – vehicular conflicts.

Notes the site is located between the travel lanes of the George Washington Parkway and Washington Boulevard, and the adjacent road network may detract from a contemplative and safe environment necessary for a successful memorial;

Supports the applicant’s decision to dismiss the Memorial Circle site from further consideration; and further

Notes the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts found the Memorial Circle site “layered with many other commemorative associations” and suggested a “site less laden with established commemorative meaning would provide a better setting” for the proposed memorial.

Regarding all sites:

Supports advancing the Constitution Avenue, the Walt Whitman Park, and the Belvedere sites for further study.

Requests that the applicant develop one or more alternative design concepts for the three sites, including variations in scale, placement and orientation. The next submission should provide details about the physical relationship of the memorial to the surrounding context, including access and preservation of historic landscapes, and provide information about program needs at each site.

5B. District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Francis Scott Key Bridge Memorial Bridge, Washington, DC – Key Bridge Architectural Lighting (NCPC File No. 7931)

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Gallas, and carried unanimously, the Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), advised the District Department of Transportation that it:

Comments favorably on the proposed project, noting that the lighting will enhance nighttime views of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge (Key Bridge) and accentuate its unique architectural features for public enjoyment.

Notes that the Key Bridge is one of two major bridges into Washington that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lighting Concepts

Notes that the renderings provided in the project submission focus exclusively on the proposed bridge lighting schemes, and do not realistically depict the proposal within the context of existing lighting in the surrounding area.

Finds that upward pier lighting, as shown in Concepts 2, 3, and 4, could create light pollution that could adversely affect dark night skies, bird migration, and air traffic, as well as cultural landscapes or the visitor experience at adjacent federal properties.

Finds that lighting of both the large and small arches, as shown in Concepts 1 and 4, successfully illuminates the unique architectural features of the bridge, which is a stated goal of the project.

Requests that the applicant conduct additional analysis regarding the potential impact (direct and cumulative) of illumination on natural systems, flight paths, and the historic character of adjacent federal properties and other prominent sites within the viewshed.

Historic Preservation

Notes that the lighting fixtures and mounting equipment proposed for the bridge piers are larger than those proposed for the large arches, and mounted in more visible locations along the top of the bridge footings.

Requests that the applicant use lighting fixtures and mounting equipment that are not easily visible from most vantage points, and are reversible to avoid long-term impacts to the historic fabric of the structure.

Requests that the applicant work with the DC State Historic Preservation Office and consulting parties in the Section 106 process to pursue a lighting option (placement and color) that results in a finding of “No Adverse Effect” for the project. Should the applicant identify a solution that includes color lighting with “No Adverse Effect,” a management plan should be developed with affected parties that outlines specific guidelines for the frequency and duration of color lighting use.

5D. United States Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia – New Security Fence (NCPC File No. 7925)

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner May, and carried unanimously, the Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), advised the United States Department of Defense, Department of the Army that it:

Notes that the Army proposes to construct a new stand-alone, security fence as a perimeter security measure between Arlington National Cemetery and Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall in Arlington County, Virginia.

Reminds the Army that since the perimeter security fence was not included in the 2013 Master Plan, the Commission will refer the project at the preliminary design level to local and state governments for comment in accordance with NCPC's intergovernmental referral procedures.

Provides the Army with the following comments and requests for information to inform the preliminary review submission:

Fence Design and Alignment

Finds that the submission does not include sufficient information to justify the distance between the historic wall and the security fence. The proposed separation results in an approximately ten foot wide by two-mile long corridor with little relation to either the campus or the Arlington National Cemetery.

Requests the Army submit an analysis of the alternative fence locations initially considered, including placing the fence directly on or immediately adjacent to the ANC wall, as well as locating the fence further away from the historic wall than currently proposed.

Finds the proposed fence alignment is unnecessarily rigid as it navigates existing trees.

Requests that the Army provide a revised fence alignment that navigates mature trees more gracefully than currently proposed.

Views

Notes that Arlington National Cemetery is a Historic District on the National Register and the JBMHH campus is a National Historic Landmark and contains several historic properties.

Finds that the proposed project may have an impact on views of important historic resources and larger viewsheds of the Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall and Arlington National Cemetery including: views of the historic wall from the cemetery, and views of the cemetery through the Old Post Chapel gate, Millennium gate, and the Selfridge and Memorial Chapel gates; and views from the Argonne Cross located at the cemetery.

Requests the Army coordinate with NCPC staff on the development of a viewshed analysis that analyzes potential impacts on these important resources and views.

Landscaping

Finds that the proposed fence passes through several different areas along the two-mile alignment, including streets, plazas, and more wooded areas. The landscape surrounding the proposed fence could unify the different areas while minimizing the overall impact of the fence.

Requests that the Army provide a landscape plan and narrative that identifies specific character areas and resulting landscape approaches that can help to minimize the impact of the security fence.

Finds that the proposed plaza adjacent to the Memorial Chapel is a positive addition to the landscape and the events held at the Chapel.

Recommends further exploration of the new plaza design to strengthen its relationship to the chapel, including defining the physical connection between the plaza and the chapel, plaza materials, and landscape details.

Parking

Requests an explanation of the need to maintain the existing parking spaces in the context of the overall campus parking program and how the proposed parking lot will meet stormwater management requirements.

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Commissioner Ortiz leaves the meeting.

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5E. District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, 925 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC – Rehabilitation of the Franklin School as a Home for Planet Word (NCPC File No. 7932)

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, and carried unanimously, the Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (e), advised the District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development that it:

Supports the DC Office of the Deputy Mayor’s vision to rehabilitate and modernize the Franklin School to provide a new experiential museum use for the public.

Notes the concept plan requires balancing historic preservation, planning, and design considerations. The Commission offers the following comments on the project:

Exterior and Site Design

Notes that the exterior rehabilitation work will provide needed attention to maintaining the original and historic character-defining features of this National Register and Landmark listed property. While the proposal includes removing the existing historic wall along K Street, Staff has determined with the applicant and the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the wall was constructed after the end of the building’s period of significance (1926) and therefore, is not considered a historic character-defining feature of the building.

Requests further design information and renderings on the proposed design of the new entrance and enclosure gate along K Street, the new patio, and the proposed entrance vestibule.

Notes that as the design of the new entrance gate along K Street, the new patio, and the entrance vestibule evolves, these features should be designed in such a way that have minimal impact to the east elevation and any character-defining features.

Requests retaining one of the two historic main entrances on the west façade facing Franklin Square as a functional entrance into the building along 13th Street, NW, as well as the ground floor entrance into the proposed restaurant

Requests further information on exterior lighting changes and signage as the project evolves, prior to review for preliminary and final.

Historic Preservation/Environmental Considerations

Notes that the Commission through the Section 106 process and in consultation with the DC SHPO, DC, Office of the Deputy Mayor and consulting parties will make a determination as to whether the project will have adverse effects on the Franklin School. If so, the Commission will execute a Memorandum of Agreement to resolve those effects.

Notes that while potential adverse effects remain to be determined through the Section 106 process, the concept plan respects the historic significance of the Franklin School while accommodating new museum and restaurant uses within the library.

6A. United States Food and Drug Administration Headquarters Consolidation at the Federal Research Center, White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland – Master Plan (NCPC File No. MP201)

The General Services Administration (GSA) provided an information presentation on the Master Plan for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Consolidation at the White Oak Federal Research Center (FRC) in Montgomery County, Maryland. The Commission originally reviewed a master plan for the campus in 1997. Since then, the Commission has reviewed updates to the master plan in three separate occasions. Most recently, the Commission reviewed a master plan update in 2009.

GSA is preparing a new master plan for the FRC to accommodate future growth and further consolidate FDA operations. GSA has identified several key areas for potential development. Development would include new office buildings, parking garages, reconfigured roads and new security screening points. The proposed master plan is needed to support the FDA Headquarters consolidation at FRC and provide the necessary office space in order to conduct the complex and comprehensive reviews mandated by Congress.

GSA is also preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the master plan to assess the impacts of the proposed consolidation of the total population at the site increasing up to approximately 18,000 employees over a 15-year period. GSA is also preparing a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) as part of the master plan. Concurrently, GSA is conducting Section 106

consultation. The project entails expansion of the FDA campus to add approximately 1.6 million gross square feet of new office space and approximately 7,050 parking spaces to accommodate an additional 7,250 employees.

The purpose of this information presentation was to gather feedback from the Commission on the scope of the study, potential alternatives, and areas of concern to inform the EIS process. GSA anticipates submitting a draft master plan to the Commission in spring 2018 and a final master plan in fall/winter 2018.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned.

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Julia A. Koster
Secretary to the Commission