



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>New Edgewood Recreation Center</b> 301 N Franklin Street, NE Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7860
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> District of Columbia Department of General Services	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 51.00(38.00)44504
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approve as requested
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Advisory Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

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The District of Columbia Department of General Services has submitted preliminary site and building plans for the Edgewood Recreation Center, located at 301 Franklin Street, NE in Washington, DC. The plans propose development of a new recreation center building and various improvements for the nearly five acre site, including a rooftop urban farm, new playground areas, a natural turf multi-use athletic field, landscaping and community gardens, site furnishings and amenities, and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility. The new building will replace the existing field house that was built circa 1947, which is not considered eligible for historic significance by the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office.

The new facility will be two stories in height and contain 17,775 square feet, featuring flexible space for a variety of community programs including arts and crafts, yoga, senior and youth activities, cooking demonstrations, book clubs, urban farming, workouts in the fitness room, and team sports in the gymnasium. It will be constructed of durable, local, and low-maintenance materials, with a color palette that integrates with the park setting. Additionally, the building massing is designed to fit within the surrounding lower-density neighborhood context through integration with the existing topography.

The surrounding site will support a variety of recreational and other community amenities, including a water play area, community garden plots, neighborhood views, a playground, adult exercise equipment, and a tiered amphitheater for viewing the athletic field. A new fitness trail will be constructed around the perimeter of the athletic field, as will a series of walking trails throughout the site. The existing outdoor tennis and basketball courts will be retained and renovated as part of this effort.

NCPC staff has reviewed the materials and finds that the project is not inconsistent with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, is not inconsistent with the Height of Buildings Act of 1910, and will not adversely affect any other federal interests. Since the Commission is advisory in its review of this project, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act is not required. The Government of the District of Columbia serves as the lead agency in local environmental and historic preservation compliance. A completed environmental impact screening form was included with the submission.

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The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposed preliminary and final site and building plans at its February 8, 2017 meeting. The Committee forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that it has been coordinated with all participating agencies, except for the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, which indicated additional coordination would be necessary regarding the use of adjacent public space. This will be resolved independent of NCPC review. The Coordinating Committee agencies included NCPC; the General Services Administration; the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; the National Park Service; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the State Historic Preservation Office; and the District Department of Energy and Environment.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the new Edgewood Recreation Center, located at 301 Franklin Street, NE.

// Original Signed //	February 24, 2017
_____ Marcel Acosta Executive Director	_____ Date