



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Stead Park Recreation Center</b> 1625 P Street, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7963
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 31.30(38.00)44701
	<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 Parks and Recreation, along with the Department of General Services and the Friends of Stead Park, has submitted site and building plans for proposed improvements to the Stead Park Recreation Center located in northwest Washington, DC. The site is located in the block generally bounded by 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Q Street, NW, 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and P Street, NW. The site is accessed from P Street, NW on the south.

The project has two main components, including the renovation and expansion of the existing historic building and the renovation of the playgrounds to the east and south of the building. The existing playing field and splash park, constructed in 2014, and the basketball court will generally be left in their current condition. The existing historic building is a carriage house and stable built in 1888 by Henry Hurt whose house once stood on the site. The building was converted to a recreation center around 1950 and shortly thereafter was re-named after Mary Force Stead in whose name her husband Robert Stead had established a trust to benefit the children of the District of Columbia.

The current design proposes to make the historic carriage house the visual and physical center of the Stead Park Recreation Center complex. In order to respect the size of the existing building, the proposed addition consist of two parts more or less equal in floor size, a lower two-story addition directly behind the carriage house and taller story addition to the west directly behind the basketball court. The additions will include new program and multipurpose space. Other project components include solar panels above the basketball court, reconfigured green space and playgrounds, and a sensory garden. The site will also be improved to meet accessibility standards.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed and forwarded the proposed preliminary and final site and building plans to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies, except that the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Office of Planning noted that the project is scheduled for review by the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The SHPO stated coordination would be held until the HPRB review is complete.

The participating agencies were the NCPC; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; SHPO; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation; District Department of Energy and Environment, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The park is not located near any federal properties, and would not adversely impact any other identified federal interests, including the Height of Buildings Act. The District project is located outside the Central Area, and therefore NCPC has no independent responsibility to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act or the National Environmental Policy Act.



Figure 1: Proposed view from south.

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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 Stead Park Recreation Center, located at 1625 P Street, NW in Washington, DC.

// Original Signed //	February 22, 2018
_____ Marcel Acosta Executive Director	_____ Date