

**PAST CHAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK COMMISSION,
NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION,
AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Name	Date
Senator L. Heisler Ball	May 1924
Maj. Gen. Harry Taylor	June 1924 – 1926
Maj. Gen. Edgar Jadwin	1926 – 1929
Mr. Frederic A. Delano	1929 – 1942
Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, III	1942 – 1949
Mr. William W. Wurster	1949 – 1950
Vacant	1951
Mr. John A. Remon	1952
Mr. Joseph D. Lohman	1953
Mr. Harland Bartholomew	1953 – 1960
Dr. Archibald M. Woodruff, Jr.	1960 – 1961
Mrs. Elizabeth U. Rowe	1961 – 1968
Mr. Phillip G. Hammer	July 1968 – October 1969
Vacant	1970
Dr. G. Franklin Edwards (Acting)	1971
Mr. Ben Reifel	1972
Mr. William H. Press	1973 – 1974
Mr. Ray I. Nixon (Acting)	1974 – 1975
Mr. David M. Childs	June 1975 – February 1981
Mrs. Helen M. Scharf	February 1981 – March 1983
Mr. Glen T. Urquhart	March 1983 – January 1995
Mr. John G. Parsons (Acting)	January 1995 – April 1995
Mr. Harvey B. Gantt	April 1995 – December 2000
Mr. Richard Friedman	December 2000 – June 2001
Mr. John V. Cogbill, III	June 2001 – August 2009
Mr. L. Preston Bryant Jr.	September 2009 – January 2019
Mr. Thomas M. Gallas (Acting)*	January 2019 – December 2020
Mr. Paul E. Dans	January 2021 – February 2021
Ms. Elizabeth A. “Beth” White (Acting)*	February 2021 – January 2023

Name	Date
Ms. Elizabeth A. “Beth” White	November 2021 – January 2023

** Only the President may appoint the Chair. In the absence of a Chair, at the beginning of each meeting, the Commission elects a Commissioner (usually the Vice-Chair) to conduct monthly meetings, listed here as “Acting.”*