



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Jelleff Recreation Center Modernization</b> 3265 S Street, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8576
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> District of Columbia Department of General Services	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 71.00(38.00)46223
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approve final site and building plans
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Advisory Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

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The District Department of General Services (DGS), in coordination with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), has submitted final site and building plans for the modernization of the Jelleff Recreation Center which is located at 3265 S Street, NW in Washington, DC. The existing center is located in the Georgetown neighborhood of Ward 2 and is currently managed by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington (BGCGW). The facility generally consists of the community center building, an artificial turf athletic field, outdoor pool and deck, and parking area. The building was constructed in the early 1950s and has aged to the point where it no longer meets the spatial or performance requirements for DPR and needs to be replaced.

Much of the general site layout and amenities will remain the same but will be upgraded. The new facility (approximately 25,000 gross square feet) will replace the current structure and will accommodate a wide range of activities, serve multigenerational user groups, and will be fully accessible. In terms of sustainability, the project is currently targeting LEED Silver certification as well as Net Zero. The site is adjacent to Dumbarton Oaks, which is administered by the National Park Service (NPS). The project does not include NPS land, and no impacts to NPS property are anticipated.

Due to existing site constraints, including the existing athletic field, the site entrance at the south, and existing stormwater easements, the area for development of a replacement building is effectively limited to the northwest corner of the property. The proposed building maximizes the use of this area by building up to the zoning setbacks. Additionally, this strategy allows for a larger gymnasium and increases the size of the building while maintaining the current location of the outdoor pool. The site design works to incorporate the new recreation center building, new photovoltaic structures and enhanced planting while preserving much of the existing site elements such as the pool, field and general layout of the parking lot. The project includes several smaller bio-retention areas to break up the asphalt. A continuously decorative wood screen and hedge will separate the parking lot from the adjacent property directly to the southwest. New native plantings will be installed along the south property line along S Street, NW, providing a buffer to the street. As part of the pool area enhancements, a new pool equipment and storage enclosure will be included to the north of the pool deck. The pool deck itself will also be redone.

Changes from the 2024 preliminary approval are primarily cosmetic to re-configure the space to be more efficient and to incorporate more environmentally-friendly features.

The proposed final plans integrate findings from environmental and historic assessments. The consultation with DC State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) concluded that the project posed no adverse effect on archaeological resources. The environmental review submitted to the District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) also concluded no adverse environmental impact. NPS concurred that there is no impact to Dumbarton Oaks. As such, the project is generally consistent with *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, and would not impact any other identified federal interest.



Figure 1: Proposed site plan



Figure 2: Material palette



VIEW FROM PARKING LOT

Figure 3: Rendered view from the parking lot

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the project at their June 17, 2026 meeting and forwarded the proposed final site and building plans to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. Participating agencies included NCPC, DOEE, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the District Office of Planning, DC SHPO, District Department of Transportation, National Park Service, and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The project was approved by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts at their June 18, 2026 meeting.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on March 6, 2025 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the final site and building plans for the Jelleff Recreation Center at 3265 S Street, NW, Washington, DC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel Acosta".

Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

July 1, 2026

Date