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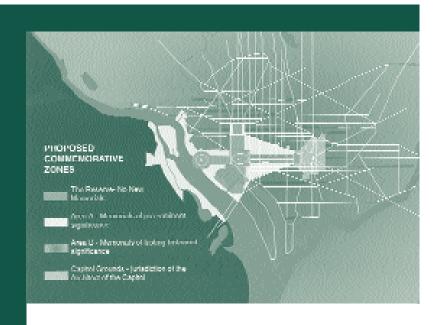
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REVIEW COMMISSIONS PROPOSE NEW POLICIES FOR MEMORIAL LOCATIONS

FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, the Joint Task Force on Memorials, an interagency group including the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Memorial Commission, has been examining the important issues involved in planning for future memorials in the Nation's Capital. In early September the task force released for public comment a draft policy and map regarding the location of new memorials. If adopted, the proposal would direct future memorials away from the Mall and into all quadrants of the city in a way that preserves the open space and urban design integrity of Washington's Monumental Core while distributing commemorative and cultural resources throughout the city.

In the draft policy, an area termed the *Reserve* encompasses the central cross axes of the Mall and stretches from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial and from the White House and Lafayette Park to the Jefferson Memorial. If the three commissions adopt the commemorative zone proposal, no new museum or memorial sites would be approved for this area. The draft policy also delineates an Area A, which is the federally owned land adjacent to the Reserve and includes Constitution Gardens, the Smithsonian museums on the Mall, West Potomac Park, the Federal Triangle and portions of the Potomac waterfront. In the proposal, Area A is considered to be a sensitive area designated for commemorative works of preeminent historic and national significance. The proposed Area B encompasses the rest of the city with emphasis on the important North, South and East Capitol Street axes, as well as circles and squares on major avenues, waterfronts, urban gateways, and scenic overlooks. The idea of encouraging the placement of memorials in strategic locations beyond the traditional Monumental Core is a key premise of the Planning Commission's framework plan, Extending the Legacy: Planning America's Capital for the 21st Century. The proposed commemorative zones will affect only new memorial proposals, not those whose sites are already approved.

The initiative seeks to protect the historic open space and sweeping vistas of the Mall and ensure an adequate supply of premier memorial sites for future generations. By locating commemorative works in city neighborhoods and commercial districts, the draft policy offers a way to use future commemorative works as powerful tools for community renewal.



THE JOINT TASK FORCE'S DRAFT
COMMEMORATIVE ZONE MAP DELINEATES
THE PROPOSED RESERVE AND AREAS
A AND B.

As part of this effort, and with the support of the Congress, the Administration, and the other two review

agencies, NCPC is preparing over the next year a master plan for monuments, memorials, and museums to guide the location and development of new facilities for the next 50 years. The master plan will suggest parameters for the size and type of memorials for any given site, as well as the proximity of sites to one another and to existing memorials. The task force has assembled a team of leading planning and design professionals who can offer creative approaches to the master plan work. In addition to practicing architects and landscape architects well known on the Washington scene, the consulting group includes urban designers, arts administrators, and scholars who have valuable things to say about how the nation commemorates its heroes and history and displays its treasures.

Copies of the commemorative zone policy and map are available from NCPC's website at www.ncpc.gov. The task force held public meetings on the proposal in September and will accept additional comments from members of the public through November 8, 1999. Comments may be mailed to the attention of Ron Wilson at the NCPC offices or sent by e-mail to info@ncpc.gov. After considering the comments, the three commissions are expected to take formal action on the proposed policy. During the coming year, as preparation of the Monuments, Memorials, and Museums Master Plan proceeds, NCPC will host additional public meetings to solicit comments on the plan.

WELL-DESIGNED AND STRATEGICALLY LOCATED MEMORIALS BEYOND THE MALL CAN SERVE AS POWERFUL TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY RENEWAL.

PROCEEDINGS

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Washington, D.C. July 1, 1999

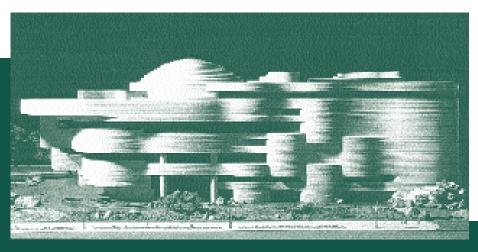
The Commission's approval of revised plans for the National Museum of the American Indian helps to advance work on a distinctive new building which will occupy the last building site on the Mall. Located on the south side of the Mall directly across from the East Wing of the National Gallery and between the Air and Space Museum and the Botanic Gardens, the museum's rusticated masonry and organic design both distinguishes it from and complements the more classical and formal buildings on the Mall. The design of the

the design concept reflects the importance of the solstice and cardinal directions in Native American culture and the building's openings align along these axes.

The project's unique landscape concept recalls the Washington area's original natural habitat. Wetlands, meadows, a hardwood forest, and indigenous plants will define the site and create opportunities for a fluid relationship between interior and exterior spaces. The creative and symbolic use of water is particularly notable. A waterfall begins at the northwest corner of the building, cascading east toward the main entrance. On the south side of the site the water will pass under a bridge of boulders and flow into a wetland area at the east end of the site. The cantilevered main entrance of

the five-story building faces the Capitol and features a seating area, a freshwater marsh, and an outdoor plaza that will provide temporary exhibit space.

Since the Commission reviewed the project at an earlier stage in its development, Smithsonian designers have reconfigured the water cascade at the building's northwest corner of the site in a way that will dramatically link the building to its water habitat. Additionally, they



building expresses strong ties to nature that are a central principle in Native American culture. The sculptural quality of the new museum will make it appear as if it has been carved from stone, and the undulating and stratified limestone facades are designed to suggest the ledges, streambeds, and terraces found in nature. As rock strata in a natural landscape, the texture of the facades will progress from a more rusticated finish near the base to a smoother finish at the top. Additionally,

MODEL VIEW OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AS SEEN FROM THE MALL.

Courtesy Polshek Tobey & Davis

Jones & Jones

have redesigned the solstice window on the south façade, refined the entrances to enhance the organic character of the building, and repositioned some interior elements to improve visitor circulation and the naturalistic flow of open space.

This issue of the Quarterly summarizes actions taken at the Commission meetings on July 1, August 5, and September 2, 1999. Additional information on individual projects may be obtained by contacting the

National Capital Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20576 or by calling (202) 482-7200.

ROCK CREEK PARK WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

Washington, D.C. July 1, 1999

At its July 1999 meeting, the Commission continued its consideration of the proposed installation of two antenna poles in Rock Creek Park. In April 1999, the Commission first reviewed the proposal for the two cell phone antennas and adjacent equipment buildings in the park—one, a 100-foot pole near the Fitzgerald Tennis Center and the other, a 130-foot pole in the park's maintenance yard south of Military Road. At that time the Commission disapproved the proposal until the Park Service prepared an assessment of safety needs in the park and a study of the potential impact of additional antenna installations that may be required by other commercial telecommunications carriers in the future.

The Park Service prepared the requested studies and the Commission again considered the proposal at is July meeting. In its report, the Park Service noted that it has no knowledge of additional facilities planned beyond the two antenna poles currently under consideration. The Park Service also analyzed additional potential park sites in which future antenna poles might be located without damaging important scenic or historic features. As a result of this analysis, the Park Service concluded that in addition to the tennis center and the maintenance yard, only one currently known site—the Oregon Avenue Park Police Station—offers a potentially acceptable location.

In its reconsideration of the project, the Commission expressed its general support for cellular telephone coverage in the park; however, some Commissioners had continuing reservations about the locations and technology proposed by Bell Atlantic Mobile for these two antenna poles. Therefore, the Commission tabled further consideration of the project until it had the benefit of an independent expert consultant to evaluate and report on alternative siting and technology options. NCPC staff has contracted for such an evaluation and the Commission expects to again review the antenna submission in the fall.



THIS RENDERING OF THE NATIONAL JAPAN-ESE AMERICAN MEMORIAL DEPICTS AN ENTRANCE AT LOUISIANA AND NEW JERSEY AVENUES THAT GUIDES VISITORS TOWARDS SYMBOLIC SCULPTURAL ELEMENTS.

Courtesy Davis Buckley Architects and Planners

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C. August 5, 1999

The Commission approved the preliminary and final site and building plans for the National Japanese American Memorial at Louisiana and New Jersey Avenues and D Street, NW. The memorial is designed to honor Japanese American patriotism in World War II, including those Japanese Americans who served in the military or who were relocated to internment camps. Located on Louisiana Avenue in a triangular park reservation between Union Station and the Mall, the site is currently a three-quarter-acre open grassy area.

The memorial design features an arrangement of tapering, curved granite walls that define pathways and frame a central circular plaza. The entry path is defined by low walls that rise from six inches to three feet, acting as retaining walls for the berm that encircles the central plaza. A taller seven-foot wall surrounds most of the central plaza. The walls will contain inscriptions that tell the story of the internment of Japanese Americans and the center of the plaza will be occupied by a 15-foot-tall bronze sculpture depicting two cranes with joined wings caught in barbed wire as a symbol of struggle and

injustice. A shallow water pool between the memorial plaza and the Louisiana Avenue sidewalk includes several large boulders representing the islands of Japan and succeeding generations of Japanese Americans. A gentle cascade of water over the lip of the pool will mask traffic noise from the surrounding streets. A memorial bell will be mounted on the wall near the Louisiana and D Street entrance and Japanese cherry trees will surround the memorial.

In commending the project, the Commission noted that the design of this memorial suggests a sense of containment, symbolically refers to the Japanese islands, and draws on Japanese temple traditions.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C. July 1, 1999

At its July meeting, the Commission considered for the second time the site for the planned Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. In its earlier review of the project in March 1999, the Commission considered two submitted locations for the memorial: one on the northwestern edge of the Tidal Basin and the other at the east end of Constitution Gardens. Expressing concern about the small size of the proposed Tidal Basin site, traffic and airplane noise, and the necessity of relocating roads and utilities and possibly recreational fields, the Commission approved the Constitution Gardens East location. However, later that same month, the Commission of Fine Arts, the other review agency that must concur in the site and design of the King Memorial, unequivocally recommended against the Constitution Gardens East site.

Following the March meeting, the staffs of NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Park Service, and the sponsors of the memorial worked together to find a location acceptable to all parties. In July the National Park Service resubmitted to the Commission a revised proposal for the Tidal Basin site, which included design parameters and alternatives to minimize road realignments. The Commission did not approve the submission, with those Commissioners who voted against the Tidal Basin site expressing many of the same concerns they voiced when the location was first proposed. In discussing the project, Commissioners agreed that this is

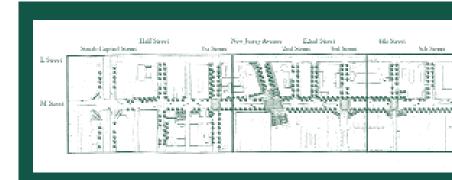
one of the most important memorials that they will see in their lifetimes. Several Commissioners who opposed the Tidal Basin location expressed their belief that the site was inadequate to pay sufficient homage to this pivotal figure in American history.

In the coming months, the Commission will continue to work with the memorial sponsors, the National Park Service, and the other review agencies to identify and approve without delay a worthy site for this important project.

M STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Washington, D.C. July 1, 1999

The South Capitol/M Street corridor is anchored by the Washington Navy Yard and Southeast Federal Center, both of which have ambitious development plans that will bring thousands of new employees to the area. Banks, restaurants, dry cleaners, and other services, all of which will help to spark the rebirth of M Street as an



important commercial artery, will be required. The refurbishment of M Street would help to CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN FOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
TO SOUTH CAPITOL/M STREET.

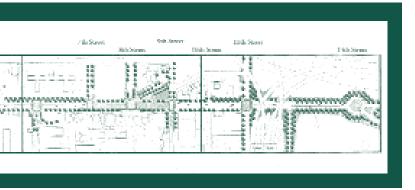
Courtesy EDAW, Inc.

attract these new commercial establishments and lure newly arrived employees out of their cars and offices and into the community. At its July meeting, the Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for phases one and two of streetscape improvements to M Street, between South Capitol and 11th Streets, SE.

The Department of Public Works and the Department of the Navy anticipate that these improvements will

enhance the amenity and character of M Street, South Capitol Street, and Potomac Avenue. This streetscape plan, which takes into account plans for over 4,000 new employees at the Navy Yard, the redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center, and new private development initiatives, include the following major elements:

- Installation of Washington Globe and other light fixtures.
- Planting of low-lying vegetation and continuous lines of street trees on both sides of M Street.
- Installation of color-coordinated site furnishings, including bollards with chains, benches, trash receptacles, bus shelters, telephone booths, and bike racks.
- Repavement of intersections and resurfacing of roads between intersections.
- Resurfacing of medians, curbs, and nearly all sidewalks and handicapped ramps along M Street.
- Creation of pedestrian plazas that incorporate trees and light fixtures.



- Intensive landscaping at the Isaac Hull Gate and 9th Street entrances of the Navy Yard; and at the 3rd and 4th Street entrances of the Southeast Federal Center.
- Establishment of other landscaping on South Capitol and M Streets.

In the Legacy Plan, a long-range vision for the Monumental Core, NCPC identified the revitalization of the South Capitol/M Street, SE corridor as a First Initiative. With the approval of these M Street improvements, implementation of the Legacy Plan will soon become visible.

OTHER COMMISSION ACTIONS

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF THE EAST PORTION OF THE RED CROSS OFFICE BUILDING'S E STREET FAÇADE.

Courtesy Shalom Baranes Associates, Architect



AMERICAN RED CROSS, 2025 E STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved final site and building plans for the Red Cross's new office building on E Street. In a future review, the Commission will consider landscape plans for the public reservations in the vicinity of the project site. (9/2/99)

ANACOSTIA MUSEUM, 1901 FORT PLACE, SE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the addition and renovation of the Anacostia Museum for African-American History and Culture, located in Fort Stanton Historical Park. The proposal redevelops the site to complement its park setting and expands the existing museum by about 3,000 square feet. (7/1/99)

BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER, HUMAN NUTRITION RESEARCH CENTER (PHASES I AND II), PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The Commission approved preliminary site and building plans for two new buildings with offices and laboratories to replace existing, outdated facilities. The new facilities will allow for an expanded research program. (7/1/99)

BELTSVILLE MAIN POST OFFICE, RHODE ISLAND AVENUE AND ST. MARY'S STREET, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for a new post office in Beltsville on



a three-acre site northwest of the intersection of Route 1 and St. Mary's Street. (7/1/99)

CONSOLIDATED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 4417-4427 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission concluded that the PUD to rezone the parcel—the rezoning would increase the parcel's maximum allowable height and floor-area-ratio—and the related zoning map amendment would have no significant impact on the panoramic view from Fort Reno Park and would not adversely affect federal interests. (8/5/99)

DAMASCUS MAIN POST OFFICE, NORTH WOODFIELD ROAD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The Commission approved preliminary site and building plans for the post office that will be located on a 2.5-acre site on the west side of Woodfield Road, north of the Damascus Centre shopping complex. (8/5/99)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, FORT MYER, VIRGINIA.

The Commission approved preliminary site development plans for the realignment of McNair Road at its intersection with Lee Avenue in Fort Myer. Improvements to the adjacent chapel forecourt were also approved. (9/2/99)

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HOUSING PROVISIONS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission concluded that the proposed amendments—which would permit residential use at the Woodward and Lothrop department store site; ensure the satisfaction of the residential requirement in the redevelopment of the Department of Employment Services site at 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; and encourage residential development in the Mt. Vernon Square area—would not adversely affect the federal establishment or other federal interests. (9/2/99)

FEDERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2004, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.

The Commission adopted the FCIP, which contains 130 projects from 14 departments and agencies at a total of \$4.2 billion. The Commission's recommendation on a project is based on the project's conformance with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital and other planning policies that have been established through Commission actions. (7/1/99)

FORT LINCOLN HOUSING, CONSOLIDATED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, BETWEEN FORT LINCOLN DRIVE AND COMMODORE JOSHUA BARNEY DRIVE, NE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission concluded that the PUD would not adversely affect the federal establishment or identified

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMPREHENSIVE VISITOR ORIENTATION AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved the Wayfinding Signage System and the location of pedestrian signs on property under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. This approval was contingent upon an evaluation—in the final stages of implementation—by NCPC and the D.C. Department of Public Works to assess the distribution of signage and its relationship with existing signage systems. The Commission also requested that the D.C. Department of Public Works coordinate with NCPC in the development of a plan for the removal of duplicate signage. (8/5/99)



PROTOTYPES OF VISITOR ORIENTATION AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE APPEAR IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

federal interests and was not inconsistent with policies in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital or the Fort Lincoln Urban Renewal Plan. (8/5/99)

FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON MEMORIAL DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

The Commission approved the preliminary and final site and building plans for the Fourth Infantry Division Memorial. The memorial will be located within one of the nine niches in the holly hedge that flanks Arlington Memorial Drive. (7/1/99)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 200 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, SW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved the preliminary and final site and building plans for 12 antennas (six transmitting and six receiving) on the penthouse of HHS for a period of five years. (9/2/99)

INTERNATIONAL CENTER, CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND VAN NESS STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved final site and building plans for the Chancery of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. (8/5/99)

MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL, MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE AND 21ST AND Q STREETS, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pending completion of the Section 106 review, the Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the memorial on U.S. Reservation No. 58, a grass-covered, triangular parcel of land across from the Embassy of India. The memorial will feature an eight-foot, eight-inch-high bronze sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi. (8/5/99)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 300 INDIANA AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved preliminary site and building plans for exterior renovation and site improvements to the Municipal Building, and preliminary and final site and building plans for interior renovation of the north lobby and the interior courtyards of the building. (8/5/99)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUILDING, 700 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. The Commission approved the exterior elements of the concept design for the renovation of the National

Archives Building. The renovation includes security and circulation improvements, ramped entrance walkways, new mechanical systems, and the relocation of office space. (7/1/99)

NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS CENTER, 111 SOUTH GEORGE MASON DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VA.

The Commission approved the revised final site and building plans for the installation of two antennas—a log-periodic antenna and an inverted "V" dipole antenna—at the National Guard Headquarters. Approval of the log-periodic antenna is an extension of approval that was granted in 1994. Current approval is for five years. (9/2/99)

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, LOTS 8, 17, 811, 826, 827, 828, SQUARE 343, 1000 K STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission concluded that the revised plans for the modification to the PUD would not adversely affect federal interests and would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. (8/5/99)

PORTALS II BUILDING, 445 12TH STREET, SW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for three existing antenna towers, one existing satellite dish, two additional supporting towers, and the installation of ten antennas on the roof of the Portals II Building for a period of five years. The installation of these antennas will allow the Communications and Crisis Management Center to resolve radio interference problems in the Washington area. (8/5/99)

ROBERT F. KENNEDY STADIUM, 2400 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the installation of three whiptype antennas (one transmitting and two receiving) on RFK Stadium for a period not to exceed ten years. At 2.5 inches in diameter and approximately 11 feet in height, the antennas should have no visual impact on East Capitol Street or the nearby residential community. (9/2/99)

SOLAR BUILDING, LOTS 59 AND 842, 1000-1010 16TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. The Commission concluded that the revised plans for the proposed Planned Unit Development would not

be adverse to the federal interest and would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

SUITLAND FEDERAL CENTER, PERIMETER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Pending completion of the Section 106 review, the Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for perimeter security improvements at the Federal Center. The Commission requested that GSA: submit revised site plans that respond to concerns about signage and landscaping; and prepare and implement plans for the next phase of security improvements. (7/1/99)

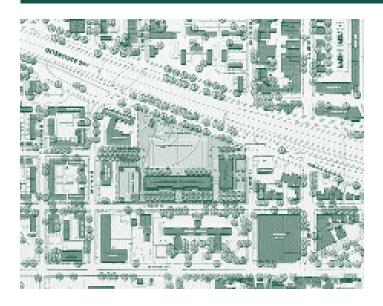
U.S. MARINE BARRACKS, 8TH AND I STREETS, SE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Commission approved the acquisition of six acres of the Arthur Capper Dwellings (ACD) site at 7th and K Streets, SE for the development of U.S. Marine Barracks Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, parking, personnel support, and recreational facilities. In the preparation of preliminary plans for the ACD site, the Commission requested that the Department of the Navy submit transportation management requirements, provide a detailed air quality analysis of the effects of the 273-space parking structure, and evaluate traffic flow patterns. (9/2/99)

DELEGATED ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Commission, the Executive Director approved:

- Modification to the General Development Plan for Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park, Unit No. 1, for the construction of a dog park at Heurich Community Park, Hyattsville, Prince George's County, MD. (7/29/99)
- Location and program and preliminary and final site and building plans for a temporary postal facility at the Mount Vernon Estate, Fairfax County, VA. (7/29/99)
- Final building plans for the relocation of a proposed stairwell in the U.S. Department of the Interior



Headquarters Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (7/29/99)

- Preliminary and final site development plans for security improvements to the Main Entrance of Fort Leslie J. McNair, P Street, SW, Washington, D.C. (8/26/99)
- A finding that the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Regulations for Child Development Centers and Elderly Day Care Centers would not affect the federal establishment or other federal interests and would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. (8/26/99)
- A finding that the proposed map amendments to the Zoning Map of the District of Columbia, which bring zoning into consistency with the Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act of 1994, would not affect the federal establishment or other federal interests and would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. (8/26/99)
- A finding that the proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations and Map of the District of Columbia, which create an overlay district in an area of 8th Street, SE and eliminate inconsistencies between the existing zoning and the Comprehensive Plan, would not adversely affect the federal establishment or other federal interests and would not

be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. (8/26/99)

On behalf of the Commission, the Executive Director approved preliminary and final site and building plans for:

- An addition to Building 23 to accommodate racquetball courts at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD. (7/29/99)
- A vehicle wash facility at Fort Myer, Arlington County, VA. (7/29/99)
- A vehicle wash facility at Fort Leslie J. McNair, SW, Washington, D.C. (7/29/99)
- The Southeast Tennis and Learning Center, 701 Mississippi Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. (7/29/99)
- An exterior elevator addition on Building 166 at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. (7/29/99)
- A Satellite Fire Station at Davidson Airfield, Fort Belvoir, VA. (7/29/99)
- A Military Police Station on Abbott Road at Fort Belvoir, VA. (7/29/99)
- A new Feed Center at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Prince George's County, MD (8/26/99)
- The Vienna-Oakton Branch Post Office on Chain Bridge Road and White Granite Drive in Fairfax County, VA. (6/30/99)
- An outdoor ticket booth on Raoul Wallenberg Place, adjacent to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Main Building, Washington, D.C. (6/30/99)
- A Material Inspection Facility and Water Tank at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, VA. (6/30/99)
- The installation of a guard booth, gate arm, and hydraulic vehicle barrier at the I Street entrance to the Department of Veterans Affairs Building. (6/30/99)

COMMISSION NOTES

In the past several months, NCPC has welcomed three new members to the Commission. As the new Director of the District of Columbia's Office of Planning, Andrew Altman will represent Mayor Anthony Williams on the Commission. Mr. Altman previously served as the Director of City Planning for the Community and Economic Development Agency in Oakland, California and prior to that was the Special Assistant to the Administrator of the Community Redevelopment Agency in Los Angeles. In his new position, Mr. Altman will assist Mayor Williams in developing and managing land use and development policy, implementing the Comprehensive Plan, and coordinating all of the planning activities for the District of Columbia.

Representing the Administrator of General Services, Anthony Costa is GSA's Assistant Regional Administrator for the Public Buildings Service in the National Capital Region where he oversees property leasing, design, construction, modernization and disposition of more than 600 buildings in the Washington area. Mr. Costa began his career with GSA in 1984 and has focused on the agency's capital planning and development program and real estate and financial management issues.

Representing Senator Fred Thompson, Ash Jain has served as counsel in the Senator's office since July 1998. Mr. Jain has a law degree and an MS degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan. Previously, he served as an associate at the law firm of Howrey & Simon and as an intern for the White House Counsel's Office, the U.S. Department of State, and Senator Dan Coats. Mr. Jain handles a number of policy areas for the Senator, including District of Columbia issues, judiciary, and immigration.



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