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NCPC Approves Final Plans for Memorial to Victims of the Ukrainian Manmade Famine of 1932-1933

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting on <u>Thursday, September 6</u> the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved preliminary and final site development plans for the Memorial to Victims of the Ukrainian Manmade Famine of 1932-1933. The National Park Service submitted the plans on behalf of the Government of Ukraine.

The memorial will be on Reservation 78, an approximately 3,100 square foot triangular site located one block west of Union Station at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, NW; F Street, NW, and North Capitol Street. It will be one block southeast of the Memorial to Victims of Communism.

The memorial design met six design guidelines NCPC established during the environmental review conducted as part of the Commission's approval of the memorial site in 2008. Guidelines included creating a successful and functional public space; incorporating significant green elements; integrating the site's apex with the adjacent historic building; and remaining open and integrated into the surrounding built environment and rights of way.

The memorial will include a six-foot tall bronze sculptural wall that runs approximately 34 feet in length. It includes a bas relief of wheat that gradually recedes into the wall, as well as a five foot long panel to the right of the sculptural element with a short dedication and text about the event and its victims. The back of the wall facing F Street, NW features a sculptural element with a pattern reminiscent of 1930's Ukrainian textile patterns.

The memorial also includes a 1,155 square-foot plaza, facing Massachusetts Avenue, paved with slate in a pattern that mimics a plowed field. It is bordered by a low retaining wall that also serves as a bench; and two planting areas. A path will connect it to F Street.

This month's agenda also included three consent calendar items (no presentations given):

- Preliminary and final approval of site and building plans for a USO Warrior and Family Center at the Naval Support Activity Bethesda, Maryland.
- Preliminary and final building plans for AT&T Wireless Communication Antennas and Associated Equipment at the Liberty Loan Building, SW Washington, DC.
- Approval of report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Map Amendment at Fort Stanton Recreation Center, SE Washington, DC.

The Executive Director approved ten items and the Chairman approved one item under authorities delegated to them by the Commission.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.