

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. Z.C. 05-43



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## MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE SQUARES 344, 373, 374, AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RESERVATION 174 (OLD CONVENTION CENTER SITE) IN HOUSING PRIORITY AREA B

Submitted By the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia

July 6, 2006

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### *Commission Action Requested by Applicant*

Approval of report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §8724(a) and D.C. Code §2-1006(a).

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### *Commission Action*

The Commission:

- **Concludes** that the proposed inclusion of the Old Convention Center site in Housing Priority Area B would not adversely affect the identified federal interests, nor would it be inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.
- **Notes** that:
  - The District of Columbia agreed to reopen the underlying blocks of 10<sup>th</sup> and I Streets, N.W. to vehicular traffic and restore those streets to the configuration that existed immediately prior to the construction of the Old Convention Center in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the District of Columbia Arena Project.
  - Reservation 174 should be preserved as open space in accordance with the Preservation and Historic Features Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, which calls for the preservation of the “integrity, form and design of the L’Enfant Plan’s system of streets and reservations from inappropriate new buildings and physical incursions.”
  - No development on the Old Convention Center Site may exceed the height allowed under the Height of Buildings Act of 1910.

- Commission will request that the District of Columbia submit the development plan for the Old Convention Center Site to the National Capital Planning Commission, in accordance with its function as the central planning agency for proposed federal and District of Columbia developments and projects under 40 U.S.C. §8722(a).

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