



Diamond Teague Memorial
Potomac Avenue and 1st Street SE

Commemorative Works Committee Meeting

May 20, 2022



Agenda

1:00 Welcome and Call to Order

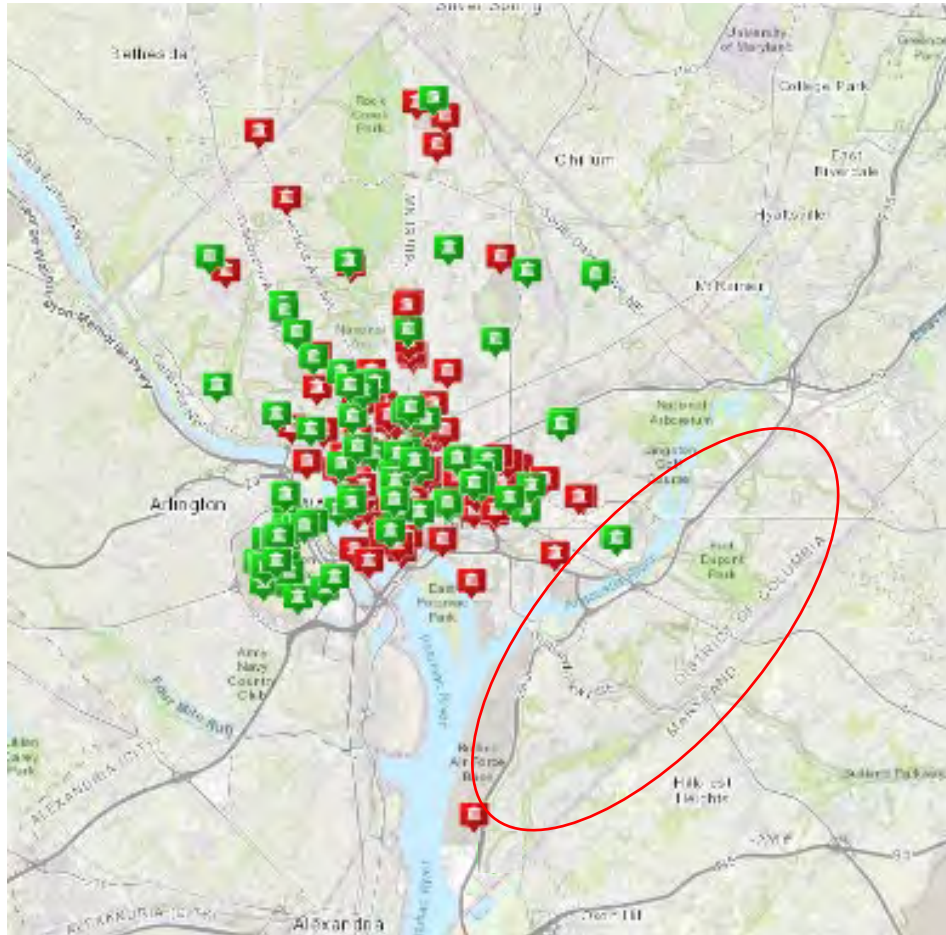
1:05 Updates

- **Location Strategy**

1:35 Adjourn



Why do we need the strategy?



Inequitable Distribution of Commemorative Works

- Address inequitable distribution of commemorative works
- Find best sites for commemorative subjects
- Guide District's review of applications
- Promote locations in outlying neighborhoods
- Promote commemorative works focused on "local" subjects



How did we get here?

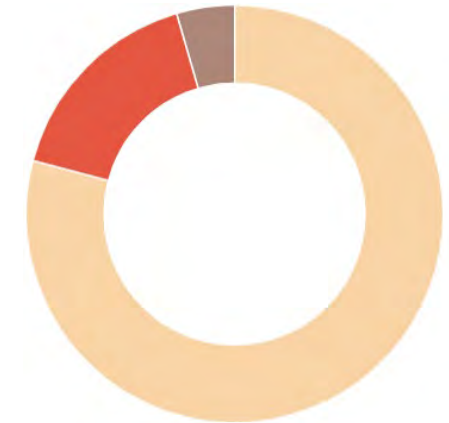
Public Meeting Re-Cap

62 attendees
197 survey participants
251 comments



What are the most important neighborhood and public space benefits that should be designed as part of a commemorative work?

Are you interested in having a commemorative work in your neighborhood?



- 79% Yes. I would like a commemorative work in my neighborhood
- 16% Maybe. I'm not sure if I would like a commemorative work in my neighborhood
- 4% No. I would not like a commemorative work in my neighborhood



Who is the strategy for?



- Sponsors
- District Agencies
- Commemorative Works Committee
- Mayor and District Council
- Citizens of and Visitors to the District of Columbia

Citizens and Visitors Benefit from Well-Located and Accessible Commemorative Works

What does the strategy include?



DC and the Nation
(Ceremonial Spaces)



DC Experience
(Shared Spaces)



DC Faces and Places
(Neighborhood Spaces)

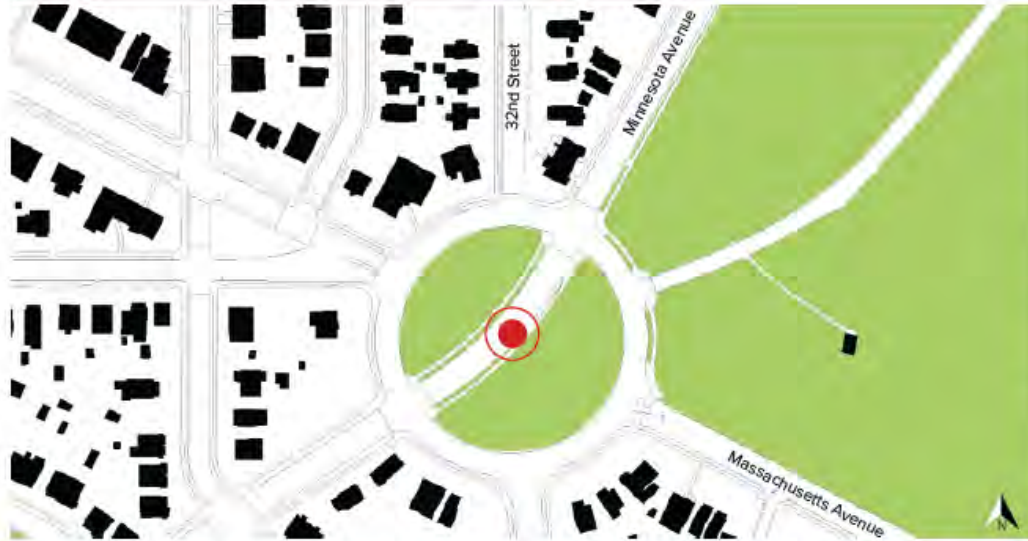


DC and The Nation (Ceremonial Spaces)



Ward 7: Randle Circle SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DGS)
	ANC 7F
Reservation Number	None
Name	Randle Circle
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This large circle is the central feature of a parkway system including Fort Dupont Park, Branch Avenue, and green spaces along Minnesota and Massachusetts avenues. Minnesota Avenue and sidewalks cross through the site and it is landscaped with grass and small trees. The surrounding area is residential with single-family homes, townhouses, and small apartment buildings. It is adjacent to the Fort Circle Parks Historic District.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a large-scale commemorative work that is the focal point of the Randle Circle parkway system. Removing Minnesota Avenue through the circle would create a more unified site. The commemorative work should be dramatic, visible by passengers in vehicles, and include amenities associated with Fort Dupont Park.

Physical Characteristics

Acerage	+/- 10,784 sq. ft.
Configuration	Circle
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Park

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street



DC Experience (Shared Spaces)



Ward 6: Potomac Avenue & 14th Street SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	WMATA
ANC	6B
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This site is located at the entrance to the Potomac Avenue metro station and on a gateway corridor leading to the capitol building. The site is level, paved in areas next to several bus stops, and landscaped in small planting beds. The surrounding area includes neighborhood commercial and residential uses and green spaces maintained by the National Park Service.

Commemorative Opportunity

The size of the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered, but it could accommodate a medium size commemorative work that defines the Potomac Avenue metro station. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and those using the metro station. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Potomac Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acerage	+/- 14,297 sq. ft.
Configuration	Plaza
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street



DC Faces and Places (Neighborhoods)



Ward 3: MacArthur Boulevard & Reservoir Road NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
ANC	3D
Reservation Number	0576
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Gateway Corridor

Site Description Summary

This site is a triangle park at the southern end of a gateway corridor, has a gentle and severe slope, is landscaped with trees and natural vegetation, and surrounded by concrete sidewalk. The adjacent area is a mix of small apartments, a neighborhood commercial district, and institutional uses. Nearby landmarks include the Washington Aqueduct, Georgetown Reservoir, C&O Canal, and Palisades Firehouse.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a medium to large-scale commemorative work that defines the southern end of MacArthur Boulevard and entrance to the Palisades neighborhood. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area.

Physical Characteristics

Acerage	+/- 8,004 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

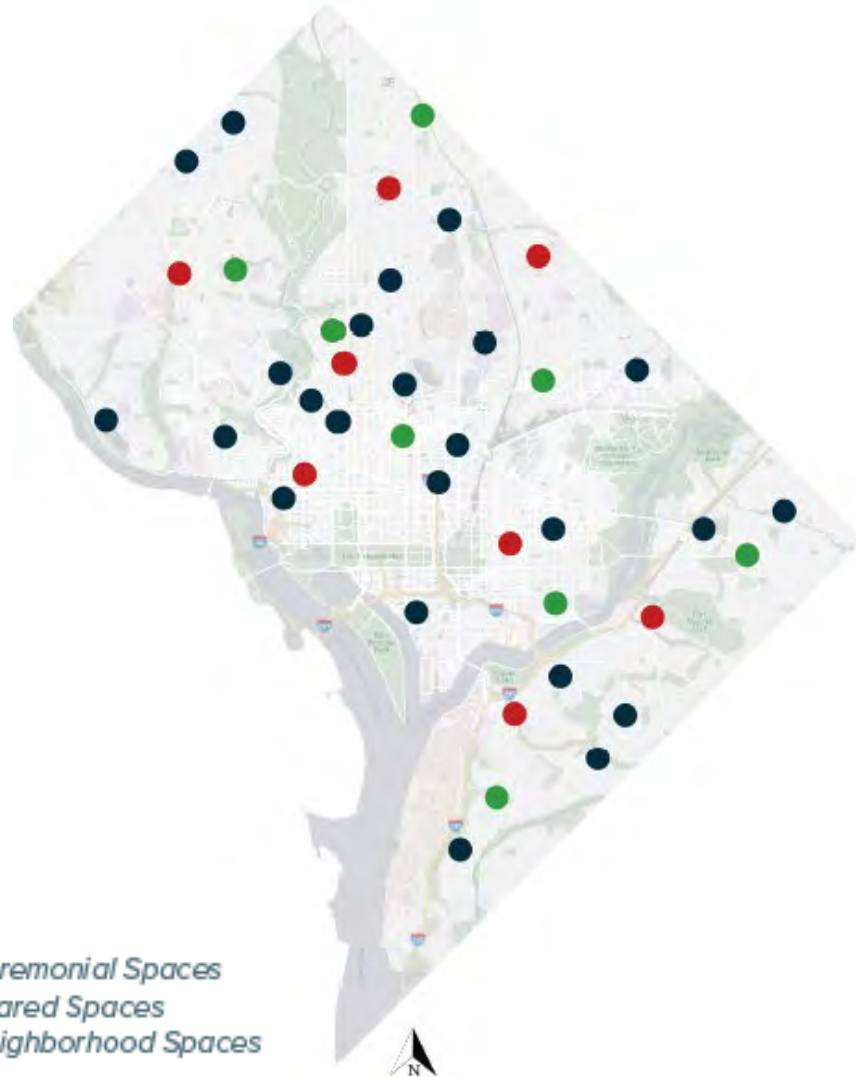
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Key Findings



- Great sites for local commemorative work in all eight Wards
- Existing commemorative works concentrated in downtown, close-in neighborhoods, or north and west of downtown
- Local interest in locating commemorative works in neighborhoods
- More work needed to promote sponsorship of commemorative works in neighborhoods
- Many opportunities to coordination with District and federal agencies

Next Steps

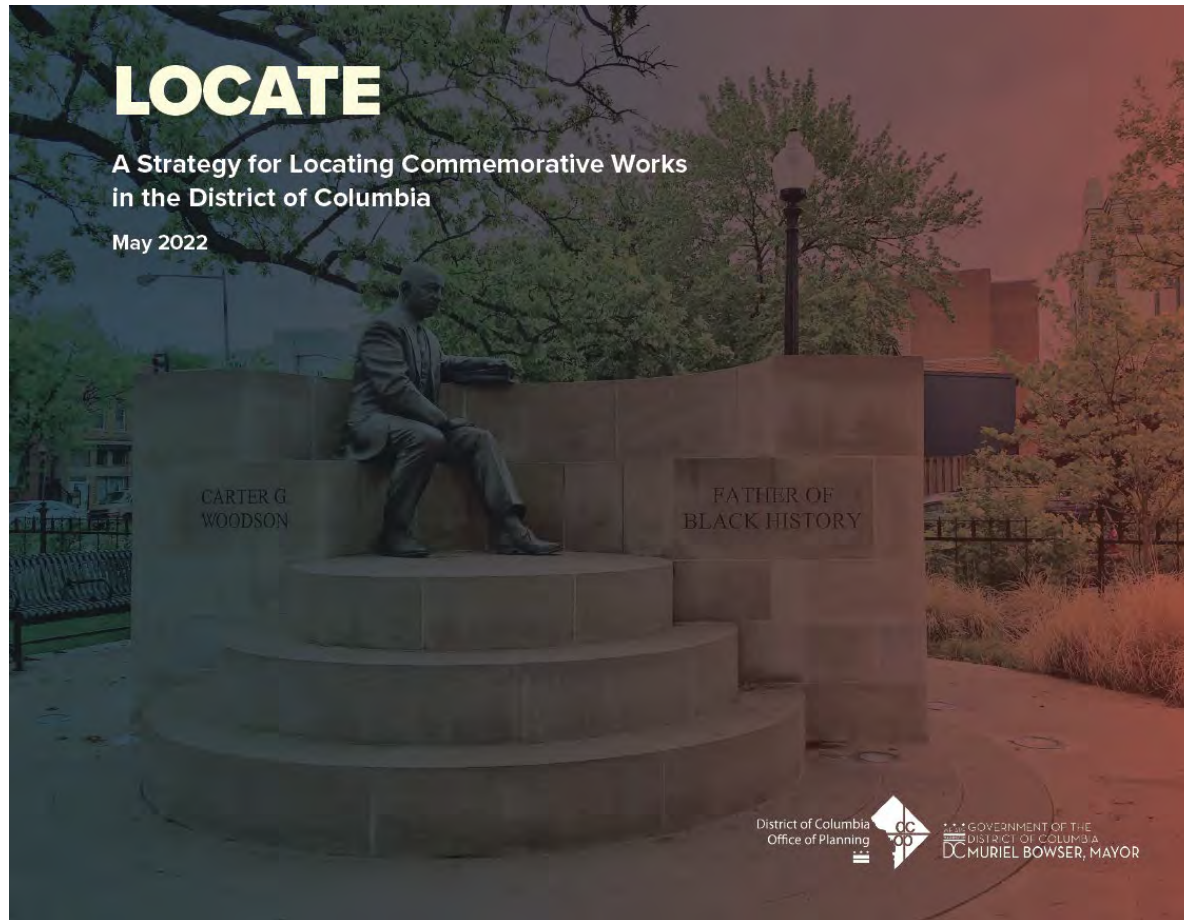
- Develop the District's Commemorative Works Vision Plan
- Further additional overarching recommendations of the Mayor's DC Facilities and Commemorative Expressions report
- Advance the goals of the Diverse Washingtonians Act
- Inform work on the Commemorative Works Technical Assistance Program



Expand Type of Commemorative Expressions



“Locate” Roll-out



- OP Homepage Banner, interactive program webpage, and Newsletter
- Update publicinput project page
- Tweet Campaign – Eight tweets over eight days highlighting existing commemorative features, one in each Ward
- Email blast to ANC's
- Promotion through Agency Partners
- Press Release
- Other?



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Next Commemorative Works Committee Meeting
June 17, 2022 - 1:00 to 2:00 PM