



# Commemorative Works Committee Meeting

April 30, 2021

# Agenda

**1:00 Welcome and Call to Order**

**1:05 Administration and Updates**

- Approval of February 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**1:10 Application Review and Recommendation**

OP staff will review previous Committee discussion, analysis and recommendation related to the following project, and CWC members will discuss and vote on a final recommendation. The staff report and application have been included in the meeting packet at a pre-read for CWC members.

- Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom Statue

**1:30 Wrap Up and Next Steps**

**1:35 Adjourn**

# Feedback from Public Meeting

## **Specific Recommendations for Commemorative Works**

- Native America Caucus Monument
- Female Union Band Society Memorial Park
- Berard Pryor, Ralph Bunch, and Others (fought against the I-95 Extension)
- Carter G. Woodson
- Clarks Mill Foundry
- Shaed Sisters
- Nacotchtank and/or Piscataway Tribes
- Office Eugene Goodman
- Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

**(To Be Forwarded to UDC)**

## **Existing Commemorative Works Identified**

- 9/11 Memorial Groves in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (Not Formally Approved)
- Lady Bird Johnson – Reservation 85, Constitution Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE

## **Recommended Preferred Sites to be Reconsidered**

- Mount Pleasant Library (Ward 1)
- Connecticut Ave. and 24<sup>th</sup> St. NW (Ward 3)
- Randle Circle (Ward 7)

# Changes to CWC Membership

Council legislation "Bill 23-0233 – Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Works Amendment Act of 2020" is anticipated to be in effect in March 2021, and will require changes to the composition of the CWC, as follows:

## DC Agency Members

- Office of Planning, Director (Chair)
- Department of Parks and Recreation, Director
- Historic Preservation Review Board, Chair
- Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Chair

## Public Members (3-year terms)

- 2 Citizen Members Appointed by the Mayor
- 3 Citizen Members Appointed by District Council Chair

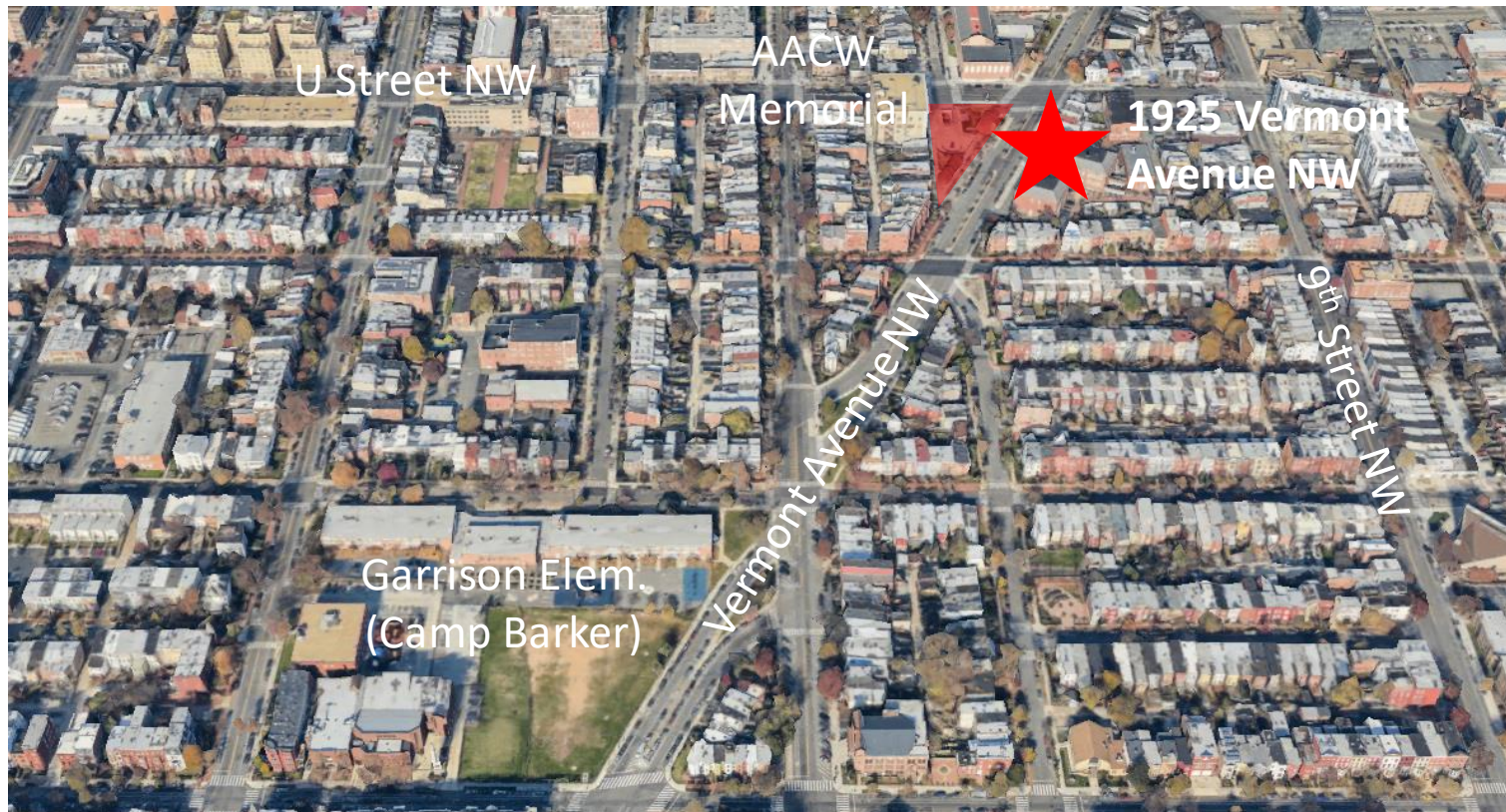
**Recommendations for potential members in case they are requested by the Chair of District Council**

# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

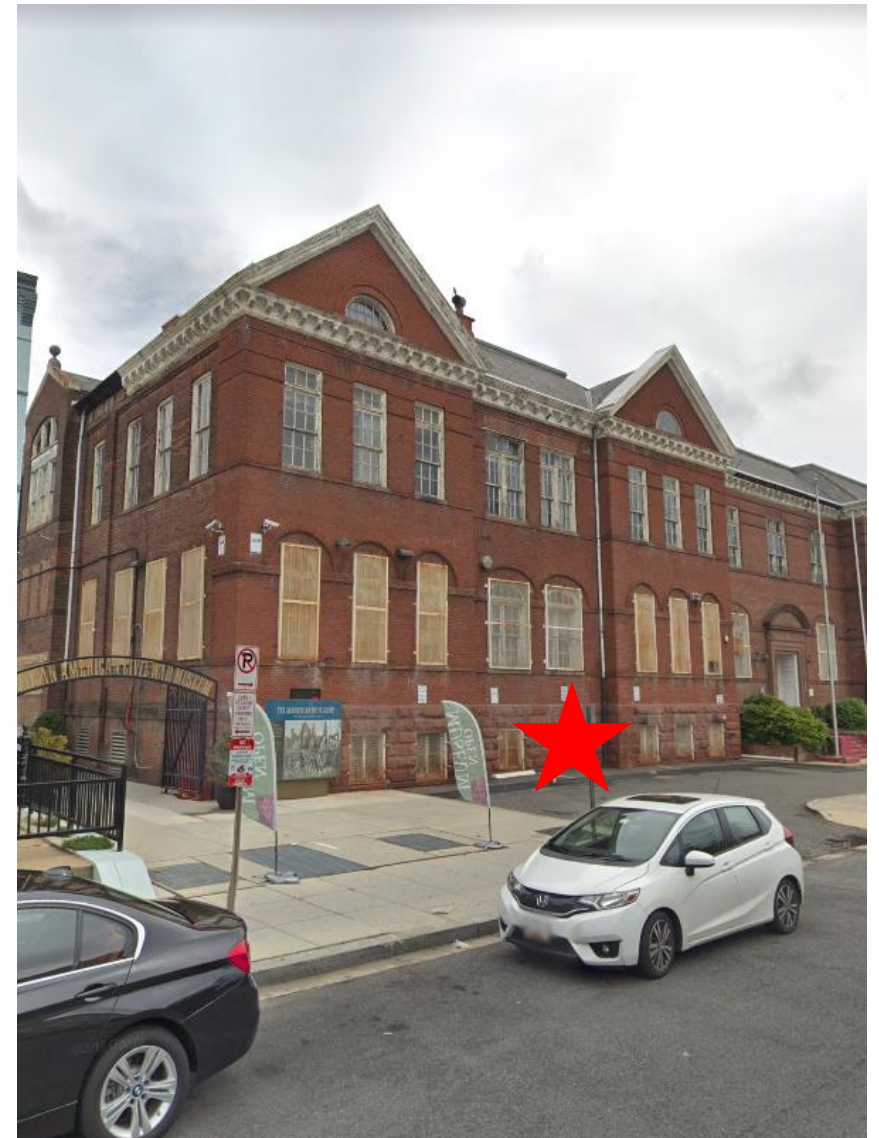
**Type:** Statue

**Location:** 1925 Vermont Avenue NW

**Sponsor:** African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation



Site Location



Commemorative Work Proposed Site

# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

## Referrals and Concurrent Reviews

Organization	Referral Date	Comments
ANC1B	March 8, 2021	Support
National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission	March 8, 2021	Review Not Required
DDOT-Public Space Committee	April 22, 2021	Approved with Modifications
Historic Preservation Office	September 15, 2020 (TOPS)	Approved
DC Water	September 15, 2020 (TOPS)	Approved
PEPCO	September 15, 2020 (TOPS)	No Response
Washington Gas	September 15, 2020 (TOPS)	Approved with Conditions (precautions needed around existing gas line)

# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

During discussion of the application at the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, the Commemorative Works Committee identified additional information needed for consideration as part of its review:

- Additional information on lighting of the statue;
- Finish of the bronze;
- Information on the commemorative work through an interpretive panel or digital media; and,
- Renderings showing the proposed statue together with its surrounding architectural features (stairs, building entrance/door, etc.).



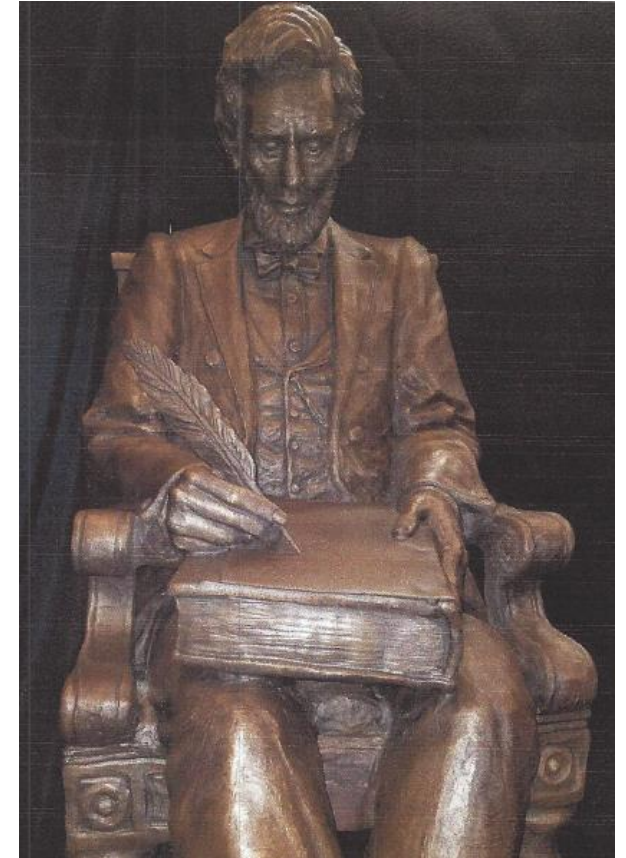
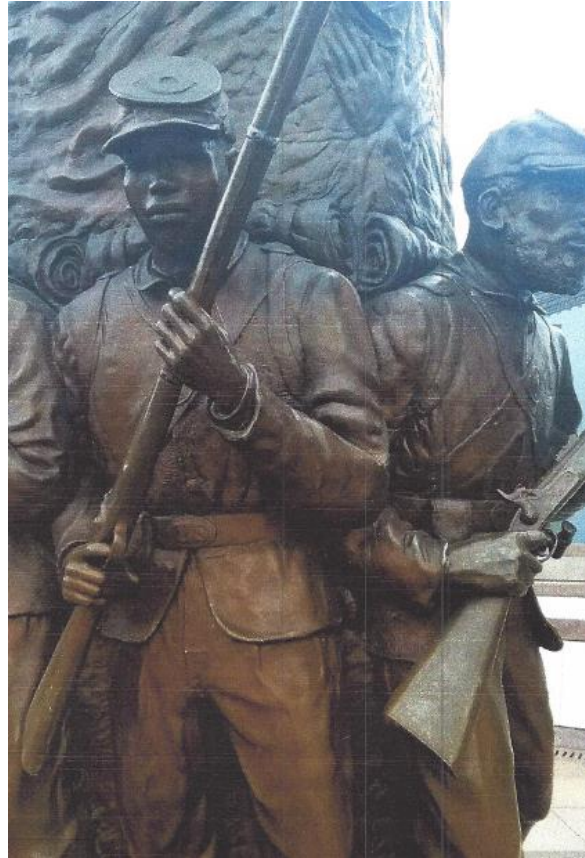


# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

## Finish of the Bronze

### Bronze Finish

The material and finish of the sculpture at the American Civil War Memorial and proposed statue of Lincoln are identical. There may be a slight difference initially because of the weathering of the existing sculpture.



Side-by-side images showing consistent finish and patina used for the African American Civil War Memorial and Lincoln statue

# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

## Interpretive Panel or Digital Media

- The sponsor will provide a mobile application to inform the public about the Lincoln statue, African American Civil War Memorial Plaza, and the African American Civil War Memorial Museum.
- The mobile application will use GPS (Global Positioning System) to identify locations, exhibits, and other points of interest such as the African American Civil War Memorial Plaza, Spirit of Freedom Statue, Wall of Honor and Lincoln Statue to visitors.
- All mobile application information will be available directly to user through cell phone display.

# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

Day-time Illustration of Proposed Statue in its Proposed Surroundings



# Lincoln and the Spirit of Freedom

## Staff Recommendation

Office of Planning (OP) recommends the Commemorative Works Committee support approval of the commemorative work by the Mayor and District Council.