

## Commemorative Works Committee Meeting Minutes

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

2:00 to 3:00 PM

### **Attendees:**

#### Committee Members

Andrew Trueblood, OP, Chairperson

Anna Chamberlin, DDOT

Dulce Naime, DPR

Kathleen Beeton, DCRA

Otto Condon, Citizen Member

Yohance Fuller, DGS

Lauren Dugas-Glover, CAH

#### OP Staff

Chris Shaheen

Kevin Storm

Anita Cozart

### **Minutes:**

Andrew Trueblood, Chairperson, welcome members to the meeting.

Chris Shaheen explained the agenda and share information and gave an update on process and current work, preferred site criteria and sites identified in each Ward, and the possibility of vetting preferred sites with the public.

Otto Condon commended the work and assessing the 1,300 potential sites and getting them down to 40 preferred sites. He stated the process for completing this assessment was clear and have gone a long way from establishing preferred site criteria and applying it to sites.

Lauren Dugas-Glover stated the equitable distribution of sites by Ward is good and establishes a good way to start thinking about how to introduce commemorative works into neighborhoods.

Chris Shaheen stated all sites are District owned or controlled and the location of any work on a specific site will require working with adjacent property owners.

Dulce Naime stated that the Department of Park and Recreation has a project going forward on the preferred site on Minnesota Avenue and community not interested in a statue at that site.

Shaheen stated that the final document will include 40 preferred profile sites with full profile sheet. All sites can be included in a fuller list, but not with as much information. More sites can be added over time.

Kevin Storm asked for the Committee's thoughts and ideas for sharing this information with the public to get feedback on the strategy.

Condon stated that the three concepts the strategy is structured around (ie. DC and the Nation, DC Experience, and Local Faces and Places) are much better and understandable when presenting to the public.

Shaheen asked if there were any specific thoughts on how to present the strategy the public.

Dugas-Glover emphasized the need to convey this is a conceptual plan and framework being use to begin identifying sites.

Naime stated that DPR may have ideas on how to share plan with the public and will discuss this internally.

Dugas-Glover stated that if there is planning underway for a specific site it would be good to include more information and plans on them as part of current/ongoing projects and not hold off on making those connections until later. This would make sure projects are funded appropriately and that incorporating a location for commemorative work would be though about when projects are being planned.

Naime stated that one thing that would be good to know for capital projects is if a specific site is designated as a commemorative work preferred site when talking to specific communities about projects so that project managers can include questions about commemoration in public meeting.

#### Next Steps

OP staff is accepting additional feedback from Committee members over next two weeks. Minutes of the meeting will be distributed. Additional information on how the strategy will be shared with the public for comments will be forthcoming.