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WORKING GROUP REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS

When history revisits the summer of 2020, not only will it recall the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also the death of civil rights icon John Lewis, a historic vote for DC Statehood in the House of Representatives and the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Together and separately, each of these events fueled winds of change and unprecedented levels of activism in the battle for inclusion, equality and justice. The movement following Floyd's death led cities, states and the federal government to reflect and reconsider commemorations in the modern context.

The District of Columbia is unique among other jurisdictions, serving as the seat of the federal government and home to 702,000 proud Washingtonians. In this space, monuments, memorials, statues and parks are named after national figures. In District-owned facilities - students attend schools, senior citizens receive services, families reside in housing complexes, residents conduct business and visitors enjoy parks and libraries named after some of these same figures.

To ensure these individuals reflect contemporary DC values, you formed the working group District of Columbia Facilities and Commemorative Expressions (DCFACES). Since July 15, we have worked with eight working group members and more than twenty staff members to engage residents, examine policy and conduct research in making the recommendations contained herein. Our decision-making prism focused on key disqualifying histories, including participation in slavery, systemic racism, mistreatment of, or actions that suppressed equality for, persons of color, women and LGBTQ communities and violation of the DC Human Right Act.

The working group recommendations are centered around three asset areas: (1) living, learning and leisure environments, (2) public spaces and (3) landmarks/commemorative works. In each area we recommend whether an asset should be removed, renamed or contextualized based on our research. In some instances, more research is necessary before a determination can be made. In all instances we believe strongly that all District of Columbia owned public spaces, facilities and commemorative works should only honor those individuals who exemplified those values such as equity, opportunity and diversity that DC residents hold dear.

Thank you for your vision in establishing this group and articulating its charge. It was our honor to serve as DCFACES Working Group co-chairs and to submit these recommendations to you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beverly Perry, Chair

Richard Reyes-Gavilan, Chair

DCFACES WORKING GROUP

Mayor Bowser charged the *District of Columbia Facilities and Commemorative Expressions (DCFACES) Working Group* with evaluating named DC Government-owned facilities and making recommendations as to what, if any, actions need to be taken if the namesake is inconsistent with DC values and in some way encouraged the oppression of African Americans and other communities of color or contributed to our long history of systemic racism.

The Working Group tasks were divided into three areas. Working Group members were assigned to an area and committees led by staff from District agencies:

1. **Engagement Committee** engaged District residents and stakeholders to obtain feedback and information.
2. **Policy Committee** reviewed and assessed processes and policies for renaming, removal and determined decision-making authority.
3. **Research Committee** gathered information on assets and individuals critical to decision making.

CHAIRS

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NAMESAKE LEGACY, DC VALUES AND WORKING GROUP CHARGE

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced the formation of the District of Columbia Facilities and Commemorative Expressions Working Group or the DC FACES Working Group to review the legacy of namesakes, including buildings, parks, public spaces and monuments, in order to ensure the individuals' personal and public policy views did not contribute to the nation's history of slavery, systemic racism and other biases, and, instead, are consistent with our DC values – empowering and uplifting African Americans and other communities of color.



No matter your race, your faith, your sexual orientation, your gender identity, your background – you should be able to live, work and play in Washington, DC without fear of violence or discrimination.

~ Mayor Bowser



In completing the most recent District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan, the Office of Planning conducted District-wide engagement with residents and stakeholders resulting in **eight (8) DC values:**



ACCESSIBILITY



DIVERSITY



EQUITY



LIVABILITY



OPPORTUNITY



PROSPERITY



RESILIENCE



SAFETY

IMPERATIVES

Commemoration on a District of Columbia asset is a high honor reserved for esteemed persons with a legacy that merits recognition. The DCFACES Working Group assessed the legacy of District namesakes, with consideration to the following factors:

1. **Participation in slavery** – did research and evidence find a history of enslaving other humans, or otherwise supporting the institution of slavery?
2. **Involvement in systemic racism** – did research and evidence find the namesake serving as an author of policy, legislation or actions that suppressed persons of color and women?
3. **Support for oppression** – did research and evidence find the namesake endorsed and participated in the oppression of persons color and/or women?
4. **Involvement in supremacist agenda** – did research and evidence suggest that the namesake was a member of any supremacist organization?
5. **Violation of District human rights laws** – did research and evidence find the namesake committed a violation of the DC Human Right Act, in whole or part, including discrimination against protected traits such as age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and natural origin?

These imperatives guided the Working Group’s decision-making process and are further outlined in Table 1. The Working Group reviewed each namesake and made one of the following decision points, based on whether evidence suggested the person violated one or more of the imperatives listed below and outlined in Table 2.

- 1 **Recommend renaming the asset**
- 2 **Recommend removal of the asset**
- 3 **Recommend contextualization of the asset**
- 4 **Clear namesake from further review**
- 5 **Recommend additional research prior to final decision point**

Table 1 - DCFACES Working Group Decision Rubric

IMPERATIVES Conditions / issues that disqualify an honor	PRIORITIES Order recommended rename/removal should proceed	DECISION POINTS Category of Working Group recommendations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enslaver of people 2. Author of policy / legislation that suppressed persons of color and women 3. Proponent of policy / legislation that suppressed persons of color and/or women. 4. Member of a supremacist organization active in the suppression of people of color. 5. Committed violation of the DC Human Right Act 	<p>ASSET GROUP 1 - Learning, living and leisure environments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public schools 2. Residential buildings and campuses 3. Community and recreational centers <p>ASSET GROUP 2 - Public spaces</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Parks, fields and playgrounds 5. Government buildings 6. Streets, roads and bridges <p>ASSET GROUP 3 - Landmarks, and commemorative works</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Statues and memorials 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend renaming the asset 2. Recommend removal of the asset 3. Recommend contextualization of the asset 4. Clear the namesake from further review 5. Recommend additional research or decision point

Table 2: DC FACES Working Group Scope of Work

<h2>SUMMARY INFORMATION</h2> <p>For each person subject to review, the Working Group will receive the following information</p>	<h2>RESEARCH SCOPE</h2> <p>The Research Committee will gather information on assets and individuals critical to decision making.</p>
<h3>SUMMARY DATA</h3>	<h3>ASSET ANALYSIS</h3>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of names of all facilities in each focus area (i.e. I Street, Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue) Total number of unique facilities in each focus area 2. Total number that includes people's names 3. Total number that includes black people's names 4. Total number that includes white people's names 5. Total number that includes other people's names 6. Total number that includes women's names 7. Total number that includes names of other persons of color 8. Total number that includes names of native Washingtonians 9. Summary /breakdown of namesake's profession 10. Named after US Presidents 11. Named after DC Mayors and Councilmembers 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the asset District or federally owned? 2. When was the DC Government-owned property named after the person? 3. What group(s) selected or lobbied to name the DC Government owned property after that person? 4. When was the DC Government-owned property named? 5. Does a marker exist for the named asset? <h3>NAMESAKE LEGACY</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the person contribute positively to African Americans and other people of color? 2. Did the individual have personal growth in her/his legacy with enslaved persons or other forms of discrimination? 3. Was the person a DC resident? 4. Was the person integral or important to DC history? 5. Is the asset named for a neighborhood? 6. Is the person living or deceased? 7. Can we find a reason the person was honored with the naming?

ENGAGEMENT SCOPE

The Engagement Committee will gather information from District residents and key stakeholders.

POLICY SCOPE

The Policy Committee will assess processes and policies for renaming, removal and determine what bodies share decision making.

ENGAGEMENT SCOPE

1. What are District residents views of the namesake?
2. What are District residents views of the asset?
3. How were stakeholders engaged in the naming process?
4. What information can District agencies provide about the asset?
5. Was there outcry for or against any namesake?

POLICY DRIVERS

1. What policy or laws guide commemoration of a namesake?
2. What individual / entity has decision making authority?
3. What is the process by which the asset is named?
4. What are the budget implications for name/rename?

FOLLOW UP DRIVERS

1. Who owns implementation?
2. What is the feedback loop to engage public?
3. Process to inform and engage residents for implementation.

FOLLOW UP DRIVERS

1. Is asset in line for CIP/modernization
2. Process to engage Federal assets

ASSETS: DEFINED AND PRIORITIZED

The Working Group used the **Commemorative Works on Public Space Amendment Act of 2000** in guiding the categorization of assets. The Act defines a public space as “any public street, alley, circle, bridge, building, park, other public place or property owned by or under the administrative control or jurisdiction of the District of Columbia and a commemorative work as “any statue, monument, sculpture, streetscape or landscape feature, including a garden or memorial grove.”

Assets reviewed by the Working Group included both public spaces - largely owned or managed by the District of Columbia - and commemorative works - mostly on Federal Government property or federally owned. In making decisions the Working Group put priority on assets based on the following groups:

ASSET GROUP 1

Learning, living and leisure environments

The Working Group put highest priority on assets where District residents learn, live and recreate. Namesakes of the location should inspire residents from all eight wards and reflect the District’s diversity and inclusion of culture and other identities.

These assets include:

- All public schools
- Residential buildings, campuses and neighborhoods
- Community centers, libraries, senior centers and recreation centers

ASSET GROUP 2

Public spaces

This asset group includes other District-owned facilities and locations, including parks, government buildings and roads.

These assets include:

- Parks, fields and playgrounds
- Government buildings
- Streets, roads and bridges

ASSET GROUP 3

Landmarks, and commemorative works

With few exceptions, these assets include commemorative works located on Federal government land and/or owned and managed by the Federal government.

These assets include:

- Statues
- Landmarks and memorials

The following questions drove assessing each namesake’s legacy:

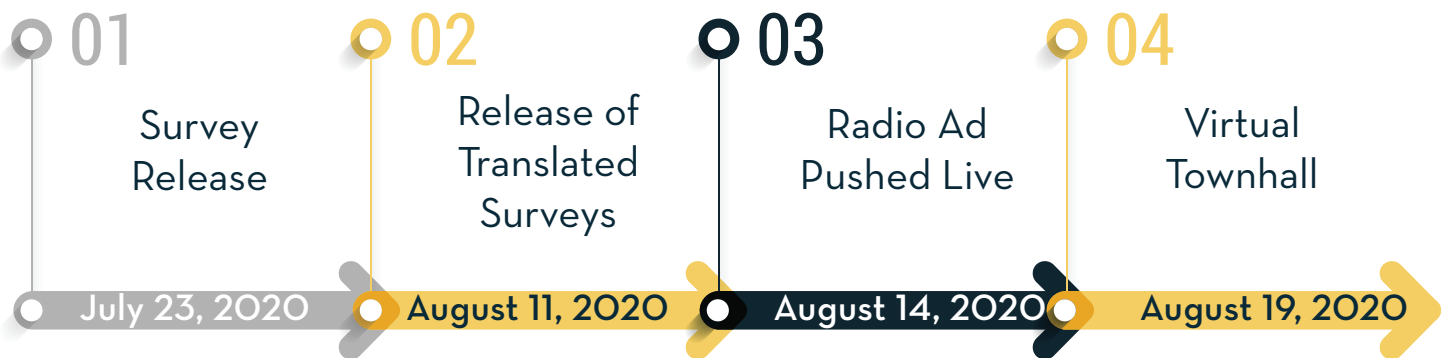
1. Did the person contribute positively to African Americans and other people of color?
2. Did the individual participate in slavery or support other acts of discrimination?
3. Was the person a DC resident?
4. Was the person integral or important to DC history?
5. Can we find a reason the person was honored with the naming?

ASSETS: DEFINED AND PRIORITIZED

PURPOSE OF ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Amidst a powerful national conversation on systemic racism, the DCFACES work presented a timely opportunity to engage residents and gather feedback on the naming of public spaces in the District of Columbia. Lead by the DCFACES Working Group Engagement Committee, the opinions of District residents were obtained via survey, translated into six languages, and a virtual town hall meeting. Other stakeholder groups were directly engaged during one-on-one calls to solicit feedback on assets and potentially, new persons to honor.

OVERVIEW OF KEY ENGAGEMENT DATES

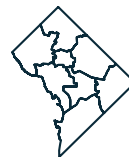


SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



275

Residents attended the Virtual Town Hall meeting



20+

Years the majority of respondents resided in the District



2,300+

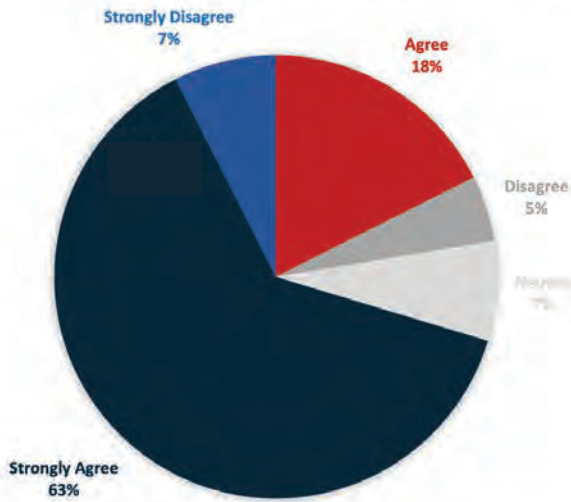
District residents completed the web survey, including more than 150 responses from each Ward



80%

of respondents expressed strong support to remove or rename assets where the namesake's legacy was inconsistent with or did not align with the District's core values of equity, opportunity, and prosperity.

SHOULD THE DISTRICT MAKE CHANGES TO PUBLIC SPACES OR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS THAT DO NOT ALIGN WITH THE DISTRICT'S CORE VALUES?



When asked how the District should make changes to public spaces or commemorative works,

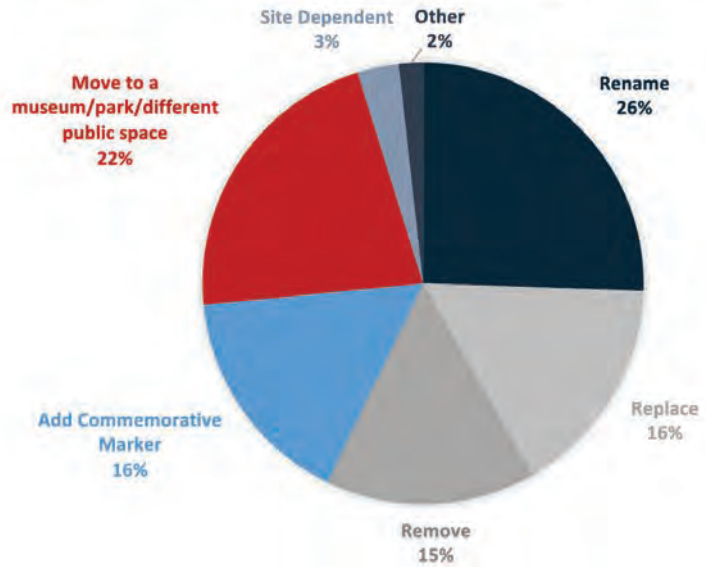
26% of respondents indicated their interest in **renaming public assets**

22% of participants indicating that they would prefer **moving the public asset** to a museum, park, or different public space.

Survey respondents expressed the strongest support for renaming public assets when asked how to confront public spaces and commemorative works named after problematic figures. "Moving public assets not in alignment with DC Values to a museum, park, or another public space" received the 2nd most support from residents.

Survey respondents were encouraged to provide information on DC or Federal Government public spaces, or commemorative works that do not align with District values. Woodrow Wilson High School, Francis Griffith Newlands Memorial Fountain, the J. Edgar Hoover building, the Andrew Jackson Statue, and the Emancipation Memorial were the most cited public assets not in alignment with District values.

HOW SHOULD THE DISTRICT MAKE CHANGES TO PUBLIC SPACES OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS?



In total, survey respondents provided the Working Group with over

65 named public spaces or commemorative works

41%
DISTRICT OWNED

59%
FEDERALLY OWNED



POLICY IMPACTING NAMING AND REMOVAL OF ASSETS

The Working Group Policy Committee, alongside the Research and Engagement committees, worked with District agencies to gather and assess the laws and policies by which public spaces and commemorative works are named in Washington, DC. That information, along with the Committee's own research and conversations with over a dozen agency directors and staff, have helped us to understand the key policies and laws that govern the processes by which District-owned assets are named and the gaps and inconsistencies that exist therein.

As a result of these conversations,

the DCFACES Policy Committee is proposing key recommendations to aid the District as it considers how to rename, remove, or contextualize the namesakes of public spaces or commemorative works moving forward. The Policy Committee's research and engagement identified inconsistencies in the manner by which public assets are named.

DC FACES EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A summary of policy and process to name assets is included as Table 3.

Table 3. Naming Policies and Authority by Asset Type

ASSET TYPE	NAMING POLICY	NAMING AUTHORITY
DC-Owned Buildings ⁸	COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ON PUBLIC SPACE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2000 (D.C. Law 13-275 ; D.C. Official Code §9-204.01-9.204.24 . Public Space Names and Commemorative Works.)	Council may approve legislation introduced by the Mayor or a councilmember, after a public hearing; and the Mayor approves via the signing of the passed legislation
DPR Rec Centers, Parks & Fields	D.C. Official Code §9-204.01 et seq and D.C. Official Code §10-304 . (Park adoptions and sponsorships.)	Council may approve legislation introduced by the Mayor or a councilmember; Mayor approves via the signing of the passed legislation. For sponsored parks & fields the Mayor approves the naming if it is detailed in an agreement between the Mayor and the entity adopting or sponsoring the field.
DCPS Schools	D.C. Official Code §9-204.01 et seq and DCPS School Naming Policy (5-E DCMR 3510)	Per DCPS's Policy, DCPS makes a naming recommendation to the Mayor for Council approval, after a community engagement process. However, per §9-204.01 , Council can introduce legislation as well.
DC Public Library Independent Agency	DCPL Library Naming Policy 19 DCMR § 808 and DCPL Interior Spaces and Programs Policy, notwithstanding DC Official Code §9-204.01 et seq	Names can be changed upon the written recommendation of the Director of the Public Library and the action of the Board of Library Trustees. Board approved interior space names can be changed with a Board vote after undergoing due diligence process. Director can approve commemorative naming proposals. Council and Mayor can also introduce legislation.
Streets & Alleys	D.C. Official Code §9-204.01 et seq and DDOT Internal Policy.	Council may approve legislation introduced by the Mayor or a councilmember; and the Mayor approve via the signing of the passed legislation
Other Public Spaces	DCMR Title 24: Public Space and Safety allows for three types of commemoration in public space: 1) Statues in certain public space; 2) Tree Markers ; and 3) Personalized Markers (installed by the Make a Difference Foundation).	Public Space Committee within DDOT reviews all applications for non-standard elements in public space. The Make a Difference markers are reviewed by a Committee whose members are defined in legislation.
DC Statues & Commemorative Works	D.C. Official Code §9-204.01 et seq	Council may approve legislation introduced by the Mayor or a councilmember; and the Mayor approves via the signing of the passed legislation.
Neighborhoods	No known laws or policies in place.	Neighborhood names often originated from property owners or developers during the platting of subdivisions administered by the Office of the Surveyors, but there is no formal process for assigning neighborhood names.
Federal Monuments and Commemorative Works	40 USC Ch. 89 : NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIALS AND COMMEMORATIVE WORKS	National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission must provide feedback to US House Natural Resources Committee and US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
	House Rule X / Senate Rule XXV(k)	The House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Homeland Security and Government Accountability Committee have jurisdiction over "municipal affairs of the District of Columbia, except appropriations therefor"

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS	BUDGET / OTHER
Names for new facilities can be discussed as part of legislation funding the building. Council/the Mayor can move to rename facilities at the behest of the community, ANC's, and civic leaders. Each name request requires a formal hearing and fiscal impact statement.	Costs vary across building type, project, etc.
Initiator of legislation must share a copy, for review and public comment, with each ANC in which the public space is located, 30 days prior to the public hearing.	Costs vary, but typically \$5k-15k to rename recreation centers; design elements minimal
Engagement is based on need: 1) Recommendation Review: Solicit name options from community; and, 2) Community Engagement: Surveys, Direct Communication and Civic Meetings.	Costs vary by school type/size; generally \$50-250k at elementary level and \$500k-1M at secondary level
Pending the Director's library naming recommendation, the Board of Library Trustees refers the request to the relevant committee for consideration in public meetings and the full Board. Notice of proposed action shall be published in the D.C. Register for no less than 30 days. Additional notice provided to libraries affected, media, and press.	Minimal costs implications beyond commemorative plaques or lettering; often absorbed as soft costs in capital projects.
Official designations require the initiator of the legislation to notify residents and ANC of the name change proposal. Initiator must collect resident signatures and submit a surveyor's plat of the asset. ANC must be notified of symbolic designation prior to hearing.	Costs vary and range from approximately \$3,800 - \$11,400 per asset.
Non-standard Statues, Tree markers and Make a Difference personalized markers are reviewed by the Public Space Committee through a process that includes sending public space applications to affected ANC's for review and comment. Committee meetings are open to the public and allow for public participation.	No cost to the District. Cost and budget implications vary depending on the type of application, but all items are non-standard and the applicant is responsible for their installation and maintenance.
Three of the 12-member Commemorative Works Committee are public members appointed by the Mayor; 9 are ex-officio members representing District agencies. The Committee holds public, open meetings. Applications are forwarded to effected ANC's for comment and the public participates in Council's hearing process.	Costs vary. Five statues and commemorative works have been approved since 2003, with costs ranging from \$250,000 to \$1.5 million.
Some neighborhoods are proactive in changing names and others change as new residents and development define where they live.	N/A
The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission must hold public hearings. The House and Senate Committees also hold hearings on the bills	N/A - Federal Funds
Bills follow the normal engagement process for federal legislation. No specific carve_out for input from local DC government or constituents.	Bills approved through this channel can direct DC to use local funds to carry out the bill's provisions.

ASSET ANALYSIS: DETERMINING PERSONS OF CONCERN

The Research Committee conducted a review of over 1,300 District of Columbia assets, including public spaces and commemorative works to first identify whether the asset was named for an individual and then assessing the namesake’s legacy. Research for the study began with complete lists of District government properties provided by the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer. The lists were supplemented with additional information obtained from District agencies and public websites. Properties not named for persons were eliminated from further consideration.

The research team investigated each person for whom a District property was named. Given the closure of research facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic all research was conducted online and from published reference materials. Analysis focused on identifying persons of concern whose life stories may have conflicted with the values of the residents of the District of Columbia today, as expressed in the DC Comprehensive Plan. Names were divided into three “stoplight” categories, indicating whether the person’s life story clearly conflicted (red), may have conflicted or warrants further investigation (yellow), or did not conflict (green) with these DC values. A “person of concern” is defined as a namesake whose legacy warranted Working Group review and decision.

Based on this information, the Working Group reviewed the namesake legacy of 153 assets, including schools, residential housing, streets, neighborhoods, parks, recreation centers, libraries and monuments. The below table summarizes reviewed assets and those listed as “red” persons of concern.

ASSET	ALL PROPERTIES	NAMED PROPERTIES	PERSONS OF CONCERN
DC Public Schools	149	141	19
DC Public Charter Schools	113	36	3
DC Housing Authority	56	30	6
DC Public Libraries	26	10	2
Other Buildings	393	29	10
Recreation Centers	118	107	11
Parks and Playgrounds	126	75	12
Streets	1,597	742	78
Bridges and Highways	241	17	2
Neighborhoods	141	54	10
Monuments (Federal/DC)	90	90	3 Fed / 0 DC
TOTAL ASSETS	3,050	1,330	153



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WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

The Working Group recommends that the following District assets be renamed.

Additionally, the Working Group has made several recommendations to standardize and improve the processes by which assets are named going forward.

ASSET GROUP 1: Learning, living and leisure environments



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Recommendation: Using the existing processes, rename the following public schools

1. Alexander Graham Bell - Bell Multicultural High School
2. Robert Brent - Brent Elementary School
3. Jehiel Brooks - Brookland Middle School
4. James Monroe - Bruce-Monroe Elementary School @ Park View
5. James Birney - Excel Academy/Lee Montessori PCS - East End (at Birney School)
6. Charles William Eliot - Eliot-Hine Middle School
7. Anthony T. Hyde, Henry Addison - Hyde-Addison Elementary School
8. Thomas Jefferson - Jefferson Middle School
9. Francis Scott Key - Key Elementary School
10. Zachary Taylor - Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School
11. John Walker Maury - Maury Elementary School
12. William Winston Seaton - Seaton Elementary School
13. Benjamin Stoddert - Stoddert Elementary School
14. Strong John Thomson - Thomson Elementary School
15. John Tyler - Tyler Elementary School
16. John Peter Van Ness - Van Ness Elementary School
17. Joseph Rodman West - West Education Campus
18. Woodrow Wilson - Woodrow Wilson High School
19. C. Melvin Sharpe - Bridges PCS Sharpe Campus
20. William Benning - DC Prep PCS, Benning Elementary
21. Matthew Gault Emery - Emery School (CHOICE Academy)

ASSET GROUP 1: Learning, living and leisure environments



RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND CAMPUSES

Recommendation: Using existing District government and Housing Authority processes, rename the following building and campuses

1. Arthur Capper – Arthur Capper Senior Housing
2. James D. Barry – Barry Farm Dwellings
3. William Benning – Benning Terrace
4. Daniel Carroll of Duddington – Carroll Apartments
5. James Greenleaf – Greenleaf Gardens (family and senior)
6. Benjamin Stoddert – Stoddert Terrace
7. Thomas Jefferson – Potomac Job Corps Center, Thomas Jefferson Hall
8. John Tyler – Potomac Job Corps Center, Tyler Hall
9. Woodrow Wilson – Potomac Job Corps Center, Woodrow Wilson Hall

ASSET GROUP 2: Public Spaces



PARKS, FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Recommendation: Using existing District government processes, rename the following assets

1. James D. Barry - Barry Farm Playground
2. William Benning, Benjamin Stoddert - Benning Stoddert Playground, Garden
3. Robert Brent - Brentwood Playground, Brentwood Hamilton Field
4. James Monroe - Bruce-Monroe Community Garden
5. Matthew Gault Emery - Emery Heights Playground, Garden
6. Henry Foxall - Foxhall Playground
7. Thomas Jefferson - Jefferson Field
8. Guy Mason - Guy Mason Playground
9. William Henry Harrison - Harrison Playground
10. James Greenleaf - King-Greenleaf Playground
11. Benjamin Stoddert - Stoddert Playground
12. Abel P. Upshur - Upshur Playground

ASSET GROUP 2: Public Spaces



GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Recommendation: Using existing District government processes, rename the following assets

1. Francis Preston Blair, Jr - Blair Shelter (occupies Blair School)
2. Robert Brent - Brentwood Square Center
3. Jehiel Brooks - Bellair (Brooks Mansion)
4. Benjamin Franklin - Planet Word (occupies Franklin School)
5. Matthew Gault Emery - Emery Shelter Clinic
6. Andrew Jackson - Jackson Arts Center (occupies Jackson School)
7. Francis Scott Key - Key Bridge Boathouse

ASSET GROUP 3: Landmarks, and commemorative works



STATUES AND MEMORIALS

Recommendation: Using the Mayor’s position on the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, recommend the Federal government remove, relocate, or contextualize the following assets:

1. Christopher Columbus - Columbus Fountain (federal)
2. Benjamin Franklin - Benjamin Franklin Statue (federal)
3. Andrew Jackson - Andrew Jackson Statue (federal)
4. Thomas Jefferson - Jefferson Memorial (federal)
5. George Mason - George Mason Memorial (federal)
6. Francis Griffith Newlands - Newlands Memorial Fountain (federal)
7. Albert Pike - Albert Pike Statue (federal)
8. George Washington - Washington Monument, George Washington Statue (federal)

Additional overarching recommendations

FOCUS AREA	RECOMMENDATION	TACTIC
Recommendations to fortify DC Values	Identify diverse candidates to honor.	<p>The Working Group’s research revealed that more than 70% of assets named in the District of Columbia are named for white men, many of whom were not District residents.</p> <p>Priority should be placed on ensuring future assets, especially and including those recommended for renaming by this Working Group, include more women, people of color and LGBTQ Washingtonians.</p>
Recommendations to increase public engagement	Strengthen community engagement	<p>The Working Group recommends a robust community engagement process is followed for future commemorations to ensure culturally and neighborhood appropriate selections.</p> <p>The District should develop a consistent engagement process to ensure robust feedback and participation from as many residents as possible.</p>
Recommendations to promote DC Statehood and preserve DC history	Preserve District history and promote DC Statehood	<p>The Working Group recommends preserving District history and promoting DC statehood in naming efforts. The following actions will help in this regard.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint a District of Columbia State Historian to shepherd Working Group recommendations through implementation and link with ongoing preservation and planning processes. 2. Develop an easily accessible inventory of all named public spaces and commemorative works, both to inform commemorative procedures and to inspire the public with life stories. 3. Direct the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to ensure the development community is aware of the District’s aspirations and goals focused on future commemorative opportunities.
Recommendations to streamline process		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully utilize the Commemorative Works Committee and other existing processes to create guidelines to standardize the naming process across agencies to ensure future naming of District government-owned properties following the same process, including required survey or community engagement. 2. Align and streamline approval and engagement processes via Mayor’s Order or regulations across agencies/asset types, especially in areas where agencies do not have official guidance (naming of internal rooms, agency awards or recognitions, etc.).



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