

<b>Location of Meeting</b>	600 Maryland Ave, NW – 100
<b>Time of Meeting</b>	9:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preliminary Identification of Affected Historic Resources</li> <li>2. Review of visual resources</li> <li>3. Preliminary Discussion of Area of Potential Effect</li> <li>4. Review of Phase I Archaeology</li> </ol>
<b>Attendees:</b>	Amy Ballard, Smithsonian Jane Passman, Smithsonian Curtis Davis, Smithsonian Hany Hassan, BBB Kevin Storm, BBB Ya Wang, BBB Charlie LeeDecker, Berger Larry Earle, Berger Rudi Byron, Berger Judy Robinson, Robinson and Associates Erin Brasell, Robinson and Associates Jennifer Spaulding, NPS Sally Blumenthal, NPS David Maloney, DC HPO Martha Catlin, ACHP

### **PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED HISTORIC RESOURCES**

Judy Robinson presented the Individually Listed Historic Properties, Historic & Contributing Properties, and the Plan of the City of Washington- Contributing Streets, Reservations, and Appropriations [see Viewshed Study presentation]. After the presentation, the group concurred on several issues:

- The portion of Independence Avenue from 17-23<sup>rd</sup> should be delineated as a contributing resource.
- Judy Robinson and Jennifer Talken-Spaulding will resolve if the individually listed Department of Agriculture Building and SI Building (Castle) should be included on the Mall Historic District.

### **VISUAL SIGHTLINE ANALYSIS**

**Hany Hassan** presented the visual resources and major vantage points that complement the historic resources. After the presentation, the group concurred on several issues:

- Views need to be differentiated based on typology and hierarchy
- the images should show how the views change the setting.
- Symbolic meaning is also important to capture in the visuals
- The view of Department of Commerce and the view from the top of Washington Monument are most important.
- The view from the Monument base should be added.
- The view on 14th Street south is a prominent view for people leaving town

### **DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT**

**Curtis Davis** stated that the APE will not be a line on the map; it may not be topographic, and it may be more flexible and layered.

**Sally Blumenthal** asked if it is possible to establish a placeholder as opposed to narrowing it down. She requested the APE definition hold on being specific.

### **CONSULTING PARTIES**

**Larry Earle** stated that, to date, no agencies have confirmed that they wish to be a consulting party but there are three interested parties that would like to be involved: the National Coalition to Save the Mall, DC NOMA, and Guild of Professional Tour Guides. He noted that CFA will also be involved.

### **REPORT ON PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD WORK**

**Charlie LeeDecker** presented the Phase I Archaeology findings. The tasks include subsurface testing and research of the history of the site. He clarified that resources older than 100 years are considered archaeological resources. The site's curb line is the APE for the purposes of archaeology.

For a Phase II analysis, many factors need to be determined. He noted that currently, the NPS and DC HPO do not have an archaeologist on their staff. He stated that the NPS has the right to revoke any permit as there strict standards for things like the depth of the posts, trenching, etc.

He stated that there is an intact site with prehistoric and 19<sup>th</sup> century materials. He explained that when Berger worked on the Ellipse, a lot of trash was found. He discovered that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was paying people for trash to fill the low lying area. These were the public dumping places with street sweepings. This is consistent with how public lands were used.

**Jennifer Talken-Spaulding** noted that, as far as fill, NPS probably has records on what has been done. From that, one can determine where NPS restored areas to a depth. NPS has records for the origin of the fill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.