

Parkway, City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council of Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, NPS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed land exchange, George Washington Memorial Parkway, City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia. The availability of the EA for a 30-day public comment period was announced in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 1999, 64 FR 30537. After the end of the 30-day public comment period, NPS selected the preferred alternative which is the proposed action, followed by a determination that the proposed land exchange will not cause significant environmental impact. The National Park Service is desirous of acquiring the access rights to the George Washington Memorial Parkway belonging to Commonwealth Atlantic Properties, Inc. (Commonwealth) in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as well as set-back and height restrictions over 29.1 acres of land in Arlington County, Virginia, currently owned by Commonwealth, and in return is willing to relinquish the United States' interests in restricting the use of that 29.1 acres.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests for copies of the FONSI, or for any additional information, should be directed to: Mr. John G. Parsons, Associate Regional Director for Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Room 220, Washington, D.C., 20242, Telephone: (202) 619-7025.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

Joseph M. Lawler,

Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the General Management Plan, Whitman Mission National Historic Site. This notice also announces public meetings for the

purpose of information exchange and receiving public comments on the DEIS. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS should be received no later than November 12, 1999. Public meetings, for the purpose of receiving comments and information exchange, will be held in Walla Walla, WA, on September 29, 1999, 7-9 p.m. at the Walla Walla Community College Administrative Building Dining Room, and in Mission, OR, on September 30, 1999, 6-8 p.m. at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Yellowhawk Conference Room.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Route 2, Box 247, Walla Walla, WA 99362-9699, (509) 522-6360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This DEIS for the General Management Plan presents a proposed action and three alternative strategies for guiding future management of the national historic site. Alternative A is a continuation of current management practices, often referred to as a "no action" alternative. Alternative B provides a minimum level of improvements regarding visitor facilities and interpretation in order to make the visitor experience more rewarding and informative.

Alternative C is the "preferred alternative" and proposed action by the National Park Service. This alternative includes provisions for a three-dimensional delineation of the original structures, substitution of native grasses for the existing lawn at the Mission Grounds, a recreational trail along the riparian area of the Walla Walla River, construction of additional exhibit and administrative space in the visitor center, and possible acquisition by a non-profit land trust of conservation easements on visually sensitive properties adjacent to the national historic site. In addition, Alternative C contains a development concept plan to include reconfiguration of the main parking lot, addition of a group shelter to the picnic area, improvements to the visitor center entry, construction of additional administrative space on the administrative wing, and reconfiguration of pedestrian access to the Oregon Trail and the Mission Grounds.

Alternative D goes beyond the preferred alternative, building on the

initiatives of Alternative C. It would include establishing historic fence alignments and enlarging the orchard, conducting archeological research regarding the Whitman sawmill site, permitting cattle grazing in the pasture and river oxbow, replicating a Cayuse village on the Walla Walla River floodplain, constructing a new administrative building, and recommending an approximate 450-acre boundary adjustment to protect the foreground viewshed. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the strategies comprising the four alternatives.

Copies of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Route 2, Box 247, Walla Walla, WA 99362-9699. They are also available at public libraries in the Walla Walla area and on the internet at www.NPS.gov.

Dated: August 24, 1999.

Rory D. Westberg,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App 1, section 10), that a meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on Friday, October 1, 1999.

The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Pub. L. 87-126 as amended by Pub. L. 105-280. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting—June 18, 1999
3. Reports of Officers
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - Off-Road Vehicle Subcommittee
 - Personal Watercraft Subcommittee
 - Nickerson Fellowship Committee
5. Superintendent's Report:
 - Introduce Nancy Finley
 - Visitor's Guide
 - Land-transfer ceremony
 - Highlands Center
 - Hatches Harbor
 - Americorps
 - Water EIS

- Shuttle buses
- News from Washington
- 6. Old Business:
 - Head of the Meadow Gas Station—Commercial Certificate
- 7. New Business—preparation, elections
- 8. Agenda for next meeting
- 9. Date for next meeting—November 19, 1999
- 10. Public comment
- 11. Adjournment

The Commission members will meet at 1:00 p.m. at headquarters, Marconi Station, Wellfleet, Massachusetts for the regular business meeting to discuss the following:

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able to attend the meeting in addition to Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission during the business meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the park superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting. Further information concerning the meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

Dated: August 26, 1999.

Maria Burks,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Capital Memorial Commission Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Commission (the Commission) will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 1999, at the National Building Museum, Room 312, 5th and F Streets, NW., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss currently authorized and proposed memorials in the District of Columbia and environs.

In addition to discussing general matters and routine business, the agenda is expected to include the following:

I. Consultation: Memorial proponents will consult with the Commission on aspects of these authorized memorials:

Site selection alternatives for the Benjamin Banneker Memorial along the L'Enfant Promenade.

The Commission will consider these matters and take action as appropriate

in order to advise the Secretary of the Interior (the Secretary).

II. Review of Legislation: The Commission will review the following legislative proposals:

S. 311 and H.R. 1509, bills to authorize the Disabled Veterans LIFE Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

III. The Commission will continue deliberations on a draft report of its review of the Commemorative Works Act of 1986. This report was requested by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The Commission will review recommendations offered by the National Capital Planning Commission/National Capital Memorial Commission/Commission of Fine Arts Joint Task Force on Memorials which convened, in part, to assist in an evaluation of that Act.

The Commission was established by Public Law 99-652, the Commemorative Works Act, to advise the Secretary and the Administrator, General Services Administration, (the Administrator) on policy and procedures for establishment of (and proposals to establish) commemorative works in the District of Columbia and its environs, as well as such other matters as it may deem appropriate concerning commemorative works.

The Commission examines each memorial proposal for conformance to the Commemorative Works Act, and makes recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator and to Members and Committees of Congress. The Commission also serves as a source of information for persons seeking to establish memorials in Washington, D.C., and its environs.

The members of the Commission are as follows:

Director, National Park Service
Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission
Architect of the Capitol
Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission
Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts
Mayor of the District of Columbia
Administrator, General Services Administration
Secretary of Defense

The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish to file a written

statement or testify at the meeting or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact Ms. Nancy Young, Executive Secretary to the Commission, at (202) 619-7097.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Joseph M. Lawler,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Standard Concession Contract; Revision

ACTION: Proposed revision of the National Park Service Standard Concession Contract.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes business entities to operate concessions in areas of the national park system. The agreements embodying these authorizations consist primarily of standard language that incorporate NPS terms and conditions established by law and prudent contract administration. In 1998, Public Law 105-391 was enacted which in many significant ways affects the content of concession contracts to be entered into after its effective date. Accordingly, NPS proposes to amend its existing standard concession contract to conform to the requirements of Public Law 105-391 and to otherwise make improvements to the standard form. NPS, although not legally required to do so, seeks public comments on the proposed standard concession contract to assist in the development of a final version as a matter of public policy.

DATES: NPS will accept written comments on the proposed standard contract on or before November 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendelin Mann, Concession Program, National Park Service, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240 (202/565-1219).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 105-391, enacted on November 13, 1998, among other matters, amended the statutory policies and procedures under which NPS operated its concession program. The new law requires adoption of new regulations governing the award, content and management of concession contracts. On June 30, 1999, NPS published for public comment