

...to safeguard and advance the fundamental planning, environmental and aesthetic values inherited from the L'Enfant Plan and the McMillan Commission that give Washington its historic distinction, natural beauty and overall livability.

C100 Chair-elect pledges to reinvigorate member participation

The trustees of the Committee of 100 unanimously chose Ann Hughes Hargrove, a long-time Washington activist and former C100 trustee, as the Committee's chairman and chief executive for 2002 at its January 10 organizing meeting. Mrs. Hargrove, summing up aspira-

with the Committee's historic role, can make a significant difference for the future of the nation's capital.

Ms. Hargrove, who holds a masters degree in political science

from the New School for Social Research, worked for the New York City and federal governments and as

a legislative aide and staff director for the Council of the District of Columbia. As a consultant, she worked with various cities and states in planning and development, budgeting, and housing.

Officers for 2002
Ann Hargrove, Chair
Joseph R. Bender, Vice Chair
Fred Jordan, Secretary
Ik Pyo Hong, Treasurer

tions for the Committee, stated that she strongly believed that the work of the Committee through its members and committees in advising on planning, development and preservation policies, in line



The National Park Service's plans for the Washington Monument grounds - walled walkways, 20,000 square foot underground visitor's center, and tunnel cut into the foundation could be rushed through on an emergency basis without an environmental impact statement or a complete 106 process.

The Committee's Taskforces on Security and Civil Life and Memorials and Monuments monitor these types of potential adverse effect.

See page 2 for story on the Taskforce on Security and Civil Life.

Committee Opposes Downtown Baseball

The Committee last month gave notice that it would oppose a downtown baseball stadium.

In a letter to Mayor Anthony Williams, Outgoing Chairman Kateri Ellison gave support to Washington-based professional baseball, but challenged the Mt.

Vernon location and reiterated that Robert F. Kennedy Stadium or the planned "Starplex campus" in Anacostia were preferred sites.

Ellison urged that Mt. Vernon Triangle be removed from consideration, stating that,

"long-standing planning policy and the just-reaffirmed community support for (that planning) calls for that sector

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Com100's stand against leveling yet another DC neighborhood - even if it is for baseball - was covered widely by local media.

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Action Items: December 6, 2001 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- Trustees accepted the Minutes of the November 8, 2002 Trustees' Meeting.
 - After discussion of when by-laws amendments that had been passed by a 2/3rd majority should be implemented, Trustees voted to forward the unimplemented amendments to the 2002 Board of Trustees and to report on work accomplished to date at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Committee would continue to function according to the unamended by-laws.
 - The Trustees voted to continue as party to the World War II lawsuit and to waive the 10% fee on the WWII Memorial PIPA account.
 - The Trustees accepted the report of the Nominating Subcommittee to be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Subcommittee recommended that the number of trustees be reduced to 19 and nominated Bonnie Cain, Judy Feldman, Ik Hong, Barbara Zartman (serving trustees) and Diane Pecor, Ann Hargrove and Richard Longstreth (new trustees).
 - The Trustees voted to recommend to the membership a staffing proposal and budget to hire an executive director full-time, a half-time administrative assistant and recruit interns and volunteers to assist subcommittee and task force chairs and staff.
 - The Trustees recognized the service of retiring trustees (Chairman Ellison serve as *ex officio* member of the Board for the next year).
- Administrator Collie announced an end-of-the-year fundraiser to be hosted by Trustee Jim Nathanson.
- Summary of draft minutes of Secretary Fred Jordan.*

Com100 Challenges NCPC to Balance Security Concerns and Livability

At the recommendation of its new Task Force on Security and Civil Life, the Committee gave limited support to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) security plans for the Washington area. Urging the NCPC to reassess several of its security proposals, the Committee questioned whether all the measures proposed increased the District's security enough to justify their negative impact on livability.

Outgoing Chair Kateri A.L. Ellison, in a December 31, 2001 letter to the chairman of the NCPC's Interagency Task Force, critiqued its draft plan titled "Designing for Security in the Nation's Capital." She praised

proposals to redesign security barriers, to reopen Pennsylvania Avenue and E Street, and to operate a "circulator" vehicle between the White House and other destinations throughout the city.

However, noting the Committee's long-term commitment to issues of security and openness of the Nation's capital, Chairman Ellison said, "Our concern is that the report's recommendations and proposals, if implemented, could succeed in fortifying the city but ultimately fail to achieve the goal of security for our buildings and people, and result in expensive and unnecessary damage to the city's historic character and image as capital of the free world."

Ms. Ellison stated that NCPC should answer three fundamental questions before approving a security plan:

1. What is the threat we are trying to mitigate?
2. What facilities are we trying to protect and why?
3. Are we going to deny visual and physical accessibility to public buildings?

Ms. Ellison challenged NCPC to resist premature solutions and, instead, look at every street, every building edge, every block and come up with a solution for each unique situation.

The Task Force on Security and Civil Life is chaired by Arthur Cotton Moore, FAIA, and Jeff Lee, ASLA, who serve with Judy Scott Feldman, Charles Cotten, and Fred Jordan.

Of Trees, Parking Lots, and Heat

Sally Boasberg testified in support of the Urban Forest Preservation Bill before the DC Council's Committee on Public Works and the Environment. The Bill, which requires a coherent plan for maintenance and development of the District's urban forest, would finally provide for coordinate efforts by the Tree and Landscape Division, the Parks Department, the National Park Service, and neighborhood groups, she said.

Ms. Boasberg also noted the long-standing problem of treeless parking lots. She said, "These parking lots are among the worst heat islands in the District....we need to develop standards for planting and replanting trees in such places, along with techniques to limit the amount of impervious surface, which would also minimize storm water runoff."

Sally Boasberg serves on the Parks and Conservation Subcommittee

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to be redeveloped as a predominantly residential, in-town neighborhood." She termed recent planning interventions by the Sports Commission as an "out-of-context, out-of-step scheme." "With compatible redevelopment plans now launched and others in pipeline, the Mt. Vernon Triangle stadium proposal should be firmly abandoned."

"...we reject the notion that site options should be various and left open for ownership groups to decide," Ms. Ellison continued. "The better play is for cities to determine which locations present opportunities for achiev-

Subcommittees and Chairmen

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SUBCOMMITTEES for 2002

	Chair	Vice-Chair(s)
STANDING COMMITTEES		
Historic Preservation	Don Hawkins	Sally Berk and Pat Lally
Housing and Neighborhoods	Charles Cotton	Anita Morrison & Buck Clarke
Parks and Conservation — Street Tree management	Loretta Neumann Sally Boasberg	
Transportation	Ellen Jones	Ik Pyo Hong
Zoning & University Plans	Barbara Zartman	Laura Richardson & Anne Loikow
Planning	Dorn McGrath	Kent Cooper
STANDING GOVERNING		
— Communication	Charles Cassell	Beth Solomon Bonnie Cain
— Development	Mary Parham Wolfe	
— Finance and Administration	Ik Pyo Hong	
— Membership/Nominating	Diane Pecor	
— Program	Dick Wolfe	Kateri Ellison
Taskforces		
Greater McMillan taskforce	Tony Norman	
Mt. Vernon Triangle taskforce	Joe Bender	
NOMA taskforce	Joe Bender	
Tivoli Theatre taskforce	Bonnie Cain	
WWII memorial taskforce	Judy Feldman	Charles Cassell
Infrastructure taskforce	Marilyn Groves	
DC General taskforce	(to be appointed by Planning and Zoning chairs)	
Memorials and Monuments	Judy Feldman	Kent Cooper
Security and Civic Life	Arthur Cotton Moore	Fred Jordan, Anne Renshaw & Jeff Lee
Ad Hoc Committees		
Governance	Kateri Ellison	
Strategic Planning	Judy Feldman	
Legislative	Jim Nathanson	

ing both private and public objects and do this by fully and openly involving the public in making those decisions."

See full text of the letter at www.committeeof100.net.

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February Membership Meeting



Speaker: Patricia E. Gallagher, AICP
Executive Director of the NCPC

Date: February 14, 2002

Time: 11:45 A.M.

Location: The Charles Sumner School and Museum
1201 17th Street, NW

Call 202-828-2073 for lunch reservations.