

...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.

March/April 2002

## Coalition gives Committee \$10,000 gift

Recognition of the solid work of the National Coalition to Save the Mall ([www.savethemall.org](http://www.savethemall.org)) became a windfall for the Committee of 100. When the Nason Foundation of Cleveland awarded an unsolicited \$100,000 grant to the Coalition, spearheaded by Committee trustee Judy Scott Feldman, the Coalition immediately announced a \$10,000 gift to the Committee.

The Committee is a founding member of the Coalition and co-litigant in actions to challenge the location of the World War II Memorial in the middle of the National Mall.

"We're thrilled," said Feldman. "It is an acknowledgment by someone with the resources to



reward what they felt was good and patriotic action."

Feldman said the \$100,000 grant will be used by the Coalition to build a stronger organization to

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## Annual Committee of 100 Vision Awards

April 30

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

John A. Wilson District Building  
 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C.

Recognizing developments and plans that show sensitivity to communities, adaptation to historic elements, excellence in design, good use of public space or enhancement of the District's natural features.

(See page 2 for nomination form)

## Nathanson Scores Against Downtown Baseball Stadium

### Baseball Stadium Plan Strikes Out at Meeting

By David Barrows

Moderator Tom Sherwood stood tall and stern—although not without some quips—on the evening of February 26 on the third floor of the Sunner School Museum. He lived up to his role, enforcing rules of decorum as a passionate community gathered to hear the three possible locations for a



*The Intownner* reported a straw vote held at the end of the meeting showed strong opposition to a publicly funded stadium east of Mt. Vernon Square.

Committee of 100 trustee Jim Nathanson spoke against a baseball stadium in the downtown Mt. Vernon Square area at the Ward 2 Democrats February meeting. DC Sports Commissioner Bobby Goldwater, economist Dennis Zimmerman and Nathanson, debated the baseball stadium issue before a crowd of approximately 65 Shaw residents.

Nathanson stressed that the stadium would weaken a "living downtown" and further erode the Shaw community.

## Members to elect officers directly

At the March membership meeting, members adopted bylaws that authorize them to directly elect the chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer. (The Board of Trustees had previously elected officers.) The new bylaws also reduce the number of Trustees from 21 to 19

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## Action Items: March 14, 2002 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

### The Board voted unanimously to:

- Challenge the Washington Monument design modification, as “an incompatible alteration to the Washington Monument, its grounds and the Mall.”
- Accept \$10,000 gift from National Coalition to Save Our Mall.
- Change Registered Agent to Con Hitchcock.
- Approved Office Relocation to the Church of the Epiphany’s office building.

- Approved Baseball Stadium Letter to the Washington Post, opposing a stadium in the Mt. Vernon Triangle area and the need to find other more appropriate sites.
- Approved Letter to Zoning Administrator, urging that the proposal to retroactively convert unlawfully issued Certificates of Occupancy (eating or drinking establishments in Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Districts that exceed the 25% limitation enacted on May 8, 1989) be referred to the Zoning Commission.

### The Board voted to:

- Support appeal to the Supreme Court, (13 in favor, 1 abstention) on the grounds of separation of powers with regard to the World War II Memorial. The National Coalition to Save our Mall will pay all legal bills.
- Proposed Bylaw Changes. The Board adopted bylaw changes for presentation to the the March 21 Membership meeting. (The membership ratified these changes with minor technical corrections. See story beginning on page 1.)



## Annual Committee of 100 Vision Awards

### Celebrating the Vision of the L’Enfant and McMillan Plans.

The Committee of 100 wishes to commend unique developments and plans in the District that show sensitivity to communities, adaptation to historic elements, excellence in design, good use of public space or enhancement of the District’s natural features. We look to our members for nominations for the first Committee of 100 Vision Awards. If you have a nomination, please provide the information requested below by April 8, 2002 to:

Awards Committee  
Committee of 100  
New address

1. **The Name of your nomination.**
2. **The address of your nomination. Awards will be made by Ward, so please indicate in which ward your nomination is located.**
3. **Your explanation of why you think your nomination is worthy of award. Background information, references or additional information are welcome.**
4. **Please provide us with your name and telephone number.**

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protect the National Mall from threats to its open design from proposals for new monuments. She noted that frequently federal agencies charged with preserving the open elegance of the Pierre L'Enfant and President George Washington plans originate these proposals. "Washington, D.C. and the Mall in particular are under threat by our own government's destructive plans - cutting out public involvement and environmental studies that would force them to take seriously their responsibility to protect our national heritage," Feldman said.

Feldman said the campaign to protect the National Mall stresses the need for sound planning in Washington, D.C. "We want to educate the nation about the dangers of haphazard planning and the need for intelligent, thoughtful, culturally informed planning. This uniquely designed capital was designed and should function as a manifestation of who we are as a nation," she said.

Feldman leads the Committee's efforts to prevent an underground tunnel at the Washington Monument, as well as a proposal to build a monument to September 11 in the center of the Mall.

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(15 Trustees, four officers), permits electronic meetings of the Board and eliminates an executive committee.

A Governance Subcommittee worked since last June to craft the rules to meet with the District's not-for-profit corporation laws while enhancing members' roles and better utilizing their talents.

The Board of Trustees fully endorsed the new bylaws.

## Subcommittees and Chairs for 2002

Check the list below for a committee that interests you and join. Meeting times and locations will be posted on the web site, or call Nigel Collie at the Committee office, (202) 828-2073, for details.

**SUBCOMMITTEES for 2002**

Policy Sub-Committees	Chair	Vice chair
Historic Preservation	Don Hawkins	Sally Berk, Pat Lally
Housing and Neighborhoods	Charles Cotten	Anita Morrison, Buck Clarke
Parks and Conservation	Loretta Neumann	
— Street Tree management	— Sally Boasberg	
Transportation	Ellen Jones	Ik Pyo Hong
Zoning	Barbara Zartman	Laura Richardson, Anne Loikow
Planning	Dorn McGrath	Kent Cooper
—Infrastructure	—Marilyn Groves	

**Organizational Subcommittees**

Communications	Charles Cassell	Beth Solomon, Bonnie Cain
Development	Mary Parham Wolfe	
Finance and Administration	Ik Pyo Hong	Kateri Ellison
Membership/Nominating	Diane Pecor	Kateri Ellison
Program	Dick Wolfe	
Nominating	When timely	

**Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

Governance	Kateri Ellison	Dick Wolf
Strategic Planning	Judy Scott Feldman	
Legislative	Jim Nathanson	

**Policy Taskforces\***

Mt. Vernon Triangle/ NOMA taskforce	Joe Bender	
Security and Civic Life	Arthur Cotton Moore	Jeff Lee
Tivoli Theatre	Bonnie Cain	Eric Graye
WWII memorial	Judy Scott Feldman	
DC General	(to be appointed by Planning and Zoning chairs)	
Memorials and Monuments	Judy Scott Feldman	Kent Cooper

\*note that taskforces operate within a timeframe, with an end sight, and are expected to coordinate with standing policy committees.

Among the changes was a 15-day notice requirement for member meetings (21 days for special meetings) and quorum requirements for taking action set at 15%, from the current 10%. The new bylaws confirm the authority of members to amend the Bylaws (majority of votes when a quorum is present) and Articles of Incorporation (two-thirds of votes when a quorum is

present). Also, they set six policy subcommittees and five organizational subcommittees (see above) and require at least quarterly meetings of each subcommittee. Subcommittee minutes are both required and must be available to interested C100 members.

A conforming amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was also approved.

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## April Membership Meeting

**Speaker:** Thomas M. Downs , Director, National Center for SmartGrowth Education and Research\*

**Date:** April 17, 2002

**Time:** 11:45 - 2:00 p.m.

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



**Call 202-828-2073 for lunch reservations.**

*\*A collaborative effort involving several University of Maryland Colleges, the National Center for Smart Growth Education and Research. The Center examines the fiscal, environmental and social impacts of alternative development patterns, conducts research and evaluation of land-use programs and develops educational programs.*