



# REPORT TO MEMBERS

*...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.*

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**In addition** to the regular work of subcommittees reviewing the work and proposals of public agencies, the Committee is currently involved in a number of review and advisory roles for important projects and functions. A brief recap of a few of the activities our officers and subcommittee chairs in this process is:

- The Zoning Advisory Committee for the Office of Zoning, advising on changes and corrections of the Zoning Code and maps, and a process for the ultimate rewriting of the Zoning Code.
- The §106 review for the Southeast Federal Center, commenting on the preservation elements of this massive project on the Anacostia waterfront. The parcel surrounds the new Department of Transportation federal building on M Street, S.E., adjacent to the Navy Yard.
- The Zoning Overlay Task Force for the Mount Vernon Triangle in downtown, making recommendations for how this large tract of mostly open land should be zoned to maximize its potential for contributing to a thriving, livable downtown.

In addition, the Committee provided testimony for the Council oversight hearings for the Office of Zoning and the Office of Planning. We sought more resources for a rapidly improving Office of Zoning, and raised questions about whether a District government office head should continue as a voting member of the Zoning Commission. We asked the Council to strengthen the independent planning function through the creation of a Planning Commission for the District, and we raised questions about the practice of enacting zoning conditions for particular parcels before area plans had been enacted by Council.

## COMING EVENTS

**3/19** Bus tour of Anacostia historic elements and developments, from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact V. Chair Laura Richards (583-3524).

**3/23** City Museum (801 K St NW); Mayor Williams will introduce the Mount Vernon Triangle Action Agenda, including the Community Improvement District, plans for development of the Wax Museum site, and the Downtown Circulator transportation system.

## 2004 MEMBER MEETINGS

March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
September 16  
October 21  
November 18

*Please respond to the enclosed Membership Renewal & Member Information Update at your earliest convenience.*

*Thank you.*

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## **Vision Awards Update**

Nominations are now open for this year's Vision Awards, to be presented on June 4 in a very special and festive event at the Kingsbury Center at the Dickson Mansion, 5000 14th Street, N. W.

Emily Eig has agreed to chair the Selections Committee to choose the persons or projects that most merit recognition. Last year's selections included Lifetime Achievement awards for Charles Atherton, for 40 years of service to the preservation and beautification of our Federal City as Secretary of the Commission of Fine Arts, and Dorn McGrath, former C100 chairman, upon his retirement from a 35-year career at GWU, for his intellect and energy in improving the historic, geographic, and functional aspects of how the Washington metropolitan area looks and works.

Awards for specific achievements included: Sally Boasberg, for her comprehensive and persuasive study, "Re-Greening Washington;" Bolling Air Force Base and the architectural firm Smith Group, for creative approaches to security features at a major new military facility; Theresa Brown for her leadership and tireless efforts to create the LeDroit Park Historic District; the Josephine Butler Parks Center for the important rehabilitation of the 40-room renaissance revival mansion adjacent to Meridian Hill Park; the D. C. Public Schools Facilities Program for bringing design integrity to the school modernization program. The other awardees will be recapped in the April newsletter.

**Nominations are made by C100 members and should include at least the information requested on the enclosed Nomination form.**

## **Outline of Trustees' Recommendations**

At their February meeting, the Trustees considered a wide range of issues, taking action on administrative issues and making recommendations to the members on policy questions. These include:

- providing a letter of support for a grant to address the preservation of Wardman rowhouses on the North Capitol Street, Georgia Avenue, and 14th Street corridors.
- supporting goals for the old convention center site that include no violation of L'Enfant Plan streets and no incompatible plazas adjacent to L'Enfant streets.
- endorsing Council support for the restoration and enhancement of the District's archives.
- opposing establishing PUDs in campus plan boundaries, which are intended to be governed by separate campus-plan zoning processes.
- opposing processing Wisconsin Avenue PUDs before an area plan has been approved by Council.
- challenging the need for the Anacostia Development Corporation (in the alternative, citing the need for strengthened historic preservation provisions, adding design review requirements, and requiring input from affected communities should such a corporation be formed).
- recommending linking National Park Service Tourmobile planning with overall transportation planning in the District of Columbia.
- recommending to NCPC that Kennedy Center access improvements meet at least the highway design clarity of Joe Passonneau's design.
- approving PIPA status for two organizations: the Neighbors for a Livable Community, working to improve planning and zoning in areas adjacent to university campuses (reactivating a prior PIPA account) and an organization currently called the Coalition to Stop Tenleytown Overdevelopment.
- approving presentation of testimony at Council oversight hearings in March consistent with past positions on the Office of Planning and the Office of Zoning.

## **Membership Meeting**

At our February member meeting, a panel discussion offered insights into public-private partnerships that work toward historic preservation, economic development, and sound policy.

Carol Goldman, President of the L'Enfant Trust, described the benefits and protections involved in creating a conservation easement on historic properties. C100's own Judy Scott Feldman told of the nature of conservancies created to protect major public parks, such as New York City's Central Park, and the potential for such public-private agreements to affect the future of the National Mall. Law firm Arnold & Porter's Carey Smith offered an informed recapitulation of the instruments available to promote development, and the ways in which they affect development in the District.

In the business portion of the meeting, the members endorsed the actions recommended by the Trustees, and favorably considered authorizing the Committee to join in legal action to defend the Mall, in the area of the Washington Monument, against the latest ill-considered tunnels and other external features.



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## **Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, March 18, 2004  
12:00 PM**

### **Who Are We? How Are We Changing?**

*David Robertson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
Paul Desjardin, Director of Planning, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments*

**A discussion of the latest on demographic and economic trends  
and what they mean for local and regional planning**

**The Charles Sumner School and Museum,**  
(located on the northeast corner of Seventeenth and M Streets, NW )

A lunch buffet is available for \$13 for members who call in a reservation (628-8030).