2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Capital Memorial Commission

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2003

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Capital Memorial Commission	153

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/30/2000	11/30/2002	11/30/2004

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	Not Applicable	04/28/2003

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue		

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
40 U.S.C. Chap. 89 et. seq (P.L. 99-652)	11/14/1986	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$5,500.00	$5,500.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
18d. Total	$7,500.00	$7,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act - applies to this committee and therefore is no longer required under FACA.Under the provisions of the Commemorative Works Act, Congressional committees must seek the views of the Commission during their consideration of authorizing legislation for memorials in Washington, D.C. The Commission reviewed bills under consideration by Congress at all of the meetings held this fiscal year and consulted with Committees of Congress on these bills. The Commission is charged with providing advice to the Secretary and Congress on subject matter,

site and design of proposed memorials. This role is critical as memorial proposals move through the legislative and site selection stages, and often provides an early opportunity to identify and resolve problem areas and preferable alternatives before sponsors approach other review bodies with their proposals. The Commission also serves as a forum where memorial sponsors, their architects and their designers can obtain guidance, direction, and input from the perspectives of the agencies responsible for guiding and directing the planning and character of development in the Nation's Capital.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership of the National Capital Memorial Commission is constituted in accordance with P.L. 99-652. It consists of eight voting members representing agencies that are instrumental in the protection of historic and cultural resources, planning, and the establishment of monuments and memorials in the District of Columbia and surrounding environs. The Commemorative Works Act directly affects lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the General Services Administration--representation by both these agencies is critical. Participation by the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the District of Columbia is also critical because these bodies have review authority over memorial proposals. Participation by the Architect of the Capitol, the Dept. of Defense, and the American Battle Monuments Commission is also essential to memorial efforts in that each brings a specific expertise and historical knowledge of personages and events of great National importance. Typically memorial proposals have involved individuals

which have figured prominently in the cultural, political, and military history of the United States.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Commission meets at the call of the chair and is legislatively required to meet at least twice annually. The Commission met four times last year and has met twice this year. The FY 2002 meetings focused on specific elements of legislative proposals, site studies, design proposals for memorials, and planning efforts of the Joint Task Force on Memorials. The Commission reviews memorial bills introduced into the Congress. Several have been introduced and may continue to be introduced as the 107th Congress continues beyond the end of this fiscal year. The Commission reviewed and provided recommendations on several bills as noted below, and its recommendations were reflected both in Departmental testimony before Congress and in amendments incorporated into several bills which had been recommended by the Commission (H.R. 282, a bill to authorize the Pyramid of Rememberance memorial; H.R. 452, the Ronald Reagan Memorial Act; S. 281 and H.R. 510, bills to authorize a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center; S. 621 and H.R. 1161, bills to authorize a memorial to Thomas Masaryk; and H.R. 1668, a bill to authorize a memorial to John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and the Adams legacy)). Thus far, in FY 2002, site selections have been reviewed for the Masaryk Memorial, and plaques proposed to be added at the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials. Additional proposals considered are several memorials to victims of terrorism, a National Slavery Memorial, and a Memorial to Native Americans, and amendments to the Commemorative Works Act of

1986.The Commission considered one request for its recommendation to the Secretary of Interior to propose legislation to the Congress to enable placement of the John Adams Memorial within that portion of the Nation's Capital denoted as Area I by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986. The Commission also met to consider design studies for this memorial and for the Plaque to commemorate Postwar Casualties of the Vietnam War at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?
The Commission was established by Congress in P.L. 99-652, the Commemorative Works Act of 1986, to advise the Secretary of the Interior, the Administrator of GSA, Committees of Congress, and persons interested in establishing monuments and memorials in the Nation's Capital on issues related to the Commemorative Works Process which was set in place by that same Act of Congress. That advice extends to all phases of the process, from initial consideration of legislation as a bill introduced into Congress, through selection of sites, and through initial phases of design guidance. These meetings provide the opportunity for the exchange of ideas and clarification of recommendations and directions on issues which the sponsors have been required to address to achieve passage of legislation and agency approvals of sites and designs. This has proved helpful to limiting the number of memorials in the City which was the goal of the Commemorative Works Act. The cross-section of interests comes together to serve as a group which provides valuable insights for persons involved at all levels in the establishment of monuments and memorials on Federal lands.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

(1) Re #7/8b (EXPECTED COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE/SPECIFIC TERMINATION AUTHORITY) -- Pursuant to the Commission's enabling legislation, P.L. 99-652: In view of the objectives, scope and purposes of the Commission, it is expected to continue into the foreseeable future, without termination. (2) Re MEMBERSHIP--The Commission is composed wholly of ex-officio members; therefore, each member continues to serve as long as the official encumbers the position designated by P.L. 99-652 for Committee membership, or until such time as the Commission would be legislatively terminated. (2) Re #18c (COSTS/Other). Costs incurred in this category are for court reporting and transcribing services for the four National Capital Memorial Commission public meetings ($500.00 each).

Designated Federal Officer

Nancy Young, Secretary, National Capital Memorial Commission (Legislative Coordinator, National Capital Regional Office, National Park Service)

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Atherton, Charles	02/12/1987	09/30/2004	Commission of Fine Arts	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fondersmith, John	01/16/2001	09/30/2004	District of Columbia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gallagher, Patricia	11/01/2001	09/30/2004	National Capital Planning Commission	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

McGill, Michael	07/31/2002	09/30/2004	General Services Administration	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Parsons, John	02/12/1987	09/30/2004	National Park Service (Chairman)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shiplett, Jerry	03/18/1993	09/30/2004	Department of Defense	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sole, Thomas	07/31/2002	09/30/2004	American Battle Monuments Commission	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Turnbull, Michael	05/22/2003	09/30/2004	Architect of the Capitol	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

Committee was terminated this FY

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☐
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☐
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	☐
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☑ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Committee was terminated this FY

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☐
Online Agency Web Site	☐
Online Committee Web Site	☐
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☐
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

Office of CMO