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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

March 25, 2019

Mr. David Maloney
State Historic Preservation Officer
District of Columbia, Office of Planning
1100 4th Street SW, Suite 650 East
Washington, D.C. 20024

Subject: Section 106 Consultation for the Peace Corps Commemorative

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation (PCCF), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) wishes to formally re-initiate consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, regarding the establishment of the Peace Corps Commemorative. The PCCF proposes to commemorate the enduring historic significance of the Peace Corps' 1961 founding, and the fundamental ideals and values that the Peace Corps' historic founding and Peace Corps service embody.

On October 9, 2014, the NPS wrote to formally initiate consultation with your office on this project. At the time, the PCCF, in coordination with the NPS, had identified four sites for consideration as the site for the Peace Corps Commemorative. During the site selection public scoping process in the fall of 2014, the PCCF and NPS received public comments regarding the four sites. The PCCF and NPS subsequently selected a parcel bound by 1st and C Streets NW and Louisiana Avenue NW as the preferred site for the commemorative. The site is located adjacent to the Robert A. Taft Memorial and U.S. Capitol Grounds.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will address this project. The NPS intends to coordinate consultation and NEPA review per Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regulations (36 CFR 800.8) and to consult the public per 36 CFA 800.3(e) in public meetings and through our Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/>). It is anticipated that these outreach efforts will accommodate both NEPA and the Section 106 processes, although NEPA and the Section 106 processes are on two separate, but parallel tracks.

The proposed Area of Potential Effect is shown in the attached map. However, at this early stage, we are unable to make any determination of effect. The NPS is seeking ways to avoid and minimize the potential for adverse effects on historic properties. Once determined, the NPS will prepare a formal Assessment of Effects for the project.

We look forward to consulting with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management for National Mall and Memorial Parks at 202-245-4711 or via email at catherine_dewey@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffery P. Reinbold', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffery P. Reinbold
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure: Proposed Area of Potential Effect

Proposed Area of Potential Effect

