

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ON

D. C. LAW 2-144

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a statistical summary of permit review activities carried out by the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) under the mandate of D. C. Law 2-144. Other significant local activities include the designation of eight Landmarks of the Nation's Capital including Asbury United Methodist Church, the Masonic Temple, the Dunbar Theater and the Sun Building. In addition to those activities directly mandated by District law, the Division has made substantial strides in the areas of program management and in fulfilling its federally mandated responsibilities as State Historic Preservation Office for the District of Columbia.

During the Federal reporting year of 1984 the Division participated with numerous civic organizations, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, professional associations and Federal and local government agencies, including the D.C. Office of Planning, the Office of Business and Economic Development, D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Public Works in carrying out its mandate. Federal agencies included Department of the Army, National Park Service, the General Services Administration, the Post Office and the Department of the Treasury.

During FY 1984, the Division accomplished the following: (1) reviewed 65 federal projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; (2) nominated six individual properties and two historic districts for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places; (3) processed 166 Tax Act certifications (Parts I, II or III); (4) completed its first annual cycle of survey and planning subgrants with six grants to District community groups or public agencies; and (5) successfully administered nine Emergency Jobs Bill subgrants both to provide jobs and to improve the condition of historic structures in the District. The above mentioned surveys have produced documentation and applications for five landmarks and one historic district to be reviewed in the coming year. The certification of construction projects for tax credits also contributes both to rehabilitation of historic buildings and to the economic growth of the District.

Also during FY 1984, the Division relocated in May 1984 to 614 H Street, N.W and which has dramatically improved its coordination with other DCRA units. Staffing levels have also been improved filling vacancies from FY 1983 for a Grants Manager and an Archeologist and replacing one Architectural Historian who left in the Spring of 1984. The Division has also initiated recruitment of additional staff in order to improve the timeliness of processing permit and project reviews while maintaining a high level of professional quality and responsiveness to public needs.

The following statistical summary represents an increase of 25 percent in permit activity over the Fifth Annual Report submitted in May 1984. Other activity levels have increased at comparable rates and are expected to grow still further during the coming year.

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A.

- I. Number of permit applications: Total 466
March 1984 - March 3, 1985

II. A. Individual Landmarks

1. Permits issued without public hearing: Total 36
 - a. alterations - 31
 - b. demolitions - 5
 - c. new construction - **0**
 - d. subdivision - **0**
2. Number of public hearings where permit ordered issued: Total 3

B. Buildings within Historic Districts

1. Number of permits issued without a public hearing: Total 430
 - a. alterations - 384
 - b. demolitions - 18
 - c. new construction - 22
 - d. subdivision - 6
2. Number of public hearings where permit ordered issued: Total 0
3. Number of public hearings where ordered "Do Not issue": Total 0
4. Number of Historic Preservation Review Board recommendations of DO NOT ISSUE to Mayor's Agent which did not go to public hearing because applications were withdrawn or public hearings not requested: Total 4

- C. Number of permits issued in historic districts by district
(for public hearing cases see above):

Anacostia 6

- (1) alterations - 1
- (2) demolitions - 3
- (3) new construction - 2
- (4) subdivision - 0

Capitol Hill 126

- (1) alterations - 117
- (2) demolitions - 2
- (3) new construction - 6
- (4) subdivision - 1

- c. Georgetown 184
 - (1) alterations - 164
 - (2) demolitions - 5
 - (3) new construction - 10
 - (4) subdivision - 5

- d. DuPont Circle 55
 - (1) alterations - 54
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - 1
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- e. Sixteenth Street 8
 - (1) alterations - 8
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - **0**
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- f. LeDroit Park 10
 - (1) alterations - 10
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - **0**
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- g. Logan Circle 3
 - (1) alterations - 3
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - **0**
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- h. Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site 14
 - (1) alterations - 5
 - (2) demolitions - 8
 - (3) new construction - 1
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- i. Massachusetts Avenue 12
 - (1) alterations - 11
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - 1
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- j. Takoma Park 3
 - (1) alterations - 3
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - **0**
 - (4) subdivision - 0

- k. Fifteenth Street Historic District 1
 - (1) alterations - 1
 - (2) demolitions - **0**
 - (3) new construction - **0**
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

- 1. Downtown Historic District 8
 - (1) alterations - 7
 - (2) demolitions- **0**
 - (3) new construction - 1
 - (4) subdivision - **0**

III. Number of conceptual design review applications (new construction and alterations): Total 87

- a. buildings in historic districts - 81
- b. individual landmarks - 5

IV. A. Number of permit applications withdrawn or returned without action March 1984 - March 3, 1985: Total 15

B. Number of preliminary review applications: (new construction and alterations): Total 3

- a. buildings in historic districts - 0
- b. individual landmarks - 3

V. Litigation

Cases resolved since the Fifth Annual Report:

- 1. Bond Building, 1420 New York Avenue, N. W.
- 2. Army-Navy Club, 1627 I Street, N. W.
- 3. Ouray Building, 801 G Street, N. W.
- 4. Palais Royale, 1013 G Street, N. W.
- 5. 1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
- 6. Homer Building, 601 13th Street, N. W.