

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL
OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ON
D.C. LAW 2-144

BY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUILDING AND LAND REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

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SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

March, 1986 - March, 1987

The Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs continued progress in improving operations and in developing an active preservation program through education, technical assistance, and survey and planning. This was accomplished through a highly improved subgrant program, the successful completion of number of key grant projects, and several internally generated special projects. For Fiscal Year 1987, the Division expects to follow through on policies and programs initiated during the past year, to maintain its high level of service and technical assistance, and to continue implementation of the D.C. Comprehensive Plan, Historic Features Element.

Staffing levels and efficient use of staff skills continued in FY 1986. The addition of a contract specialist has significantly improved tracking and documentation of financial and administrative aspects of all recent subgrants. A new historian/architectural historian has enlarged the professional staff sufficiently to allow refocusing some staff time to more active projects while continuing day-to-day operations. The temporary archeologist position has been made permanent, largely due to the contributions of the archeological staff in taking the lead in comprehensive planning, and the expansion of the archeological program. In addition, a new program manager with extensive experience in state programs was retained in January, 1986, to lead the Division.

Building on *previous improvements in procedures and records management, the Division staff began a long-term project to revise and update the entire historic preservation archives--including reorganizing all survey, D.C. Landmark, National Register, tax certifications, review and compliance and Review Board records. This project has produced several new information storage systems. Records have been completely reorganized for tax act:, and review and compliance. The survey, D.C. Landmark and National Register reorganization is being continued into FY 1987 and will provide a more usable and comprehensive system, upgraded to reflect the kind of information contained in the end-of-year reports to the National Park Service.

The principal program goals for 1986 focused on refining and implementing key policies expressed in the D.C. Comprehensive Plan, Historic Features Element: 1) to preserve the important historic features of the District while encouraging new

development compatible with those features; and 2) to increase awareness of, and access to, facilities, places and activities essential to residents and visitors. The Comprehensive Plan also emphasizes the need for systematic surveys to provide information for making responsible preservation decisions, and calls for D.C. and federal government agencies to take the lead in these initiatives.

Each of the principal policy goals and program objectives. was successfully addressed through completion of the following projects and activities:

- o Four historic districts were designated by the Historic Preservation Review Board: Cleveland Park Historic District, Kalorama Triangle Historic District, Foggy Bottom Historic District, Mount Pleasant Historic District.
- o The backlog of outstanding National Register nominations was reduced eliminated.
- o A project to consolidate all existing records on archeological sites has produced the first systematic archeological site inventory for the District of Columbia.
- o A joint project with the Department of Recreation completed a second phase of an archeological survey of sites located on properties under the jurisdiction of that agency.
- o A joint project with the Department of Housing and Community Development surveyed both architectural and archeological resources on selected properties in the 14th Street Urban Redevelopment Areas and the Shaw School Urban Redevelopment Area. This project provides general and site-specific information to. assist the Historic Preservation Division and the Department of Housing and Community Development in assessing impact of federally funded' rehabilitation and redevelopment grants for small projects in these critical areas.
- o The archeological unit of the Division, in cooperation with the Washington Archaeological Society, prepared and displayed an educational exhibit at the annual citywide "Riverfest". This exhibit, which included displays of posters and artifacts and demonstrations of. Native American tool making, focused on archeological investigations into the history and prehistory of the District of Columbia and surrounding region.

- o A survey of 50 older firehouses has produced documentation to support a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for approximately 25 of the most architecturally significant buildings.
- o The first phase of a comprehensive survey of older apartment Buildings in the District of Columbia was completed successfully. This effort resulted in a survey of 3,791 apartment buildings throughout the District, some of which may be eligible for Landmark designation and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.
- o The first phase of a survey of 70 public schools under jurisdiction of the Board of Education was completed. This survey included a general overview of school architecture and the history of education in the District of Columbia.
- o Several educational brochures were prepared to enhance public education on preservation issues. One of these in particular; a brochure on historic districts was widely distributed and used by the public while in draft form.
- o Educational workshops were conducted to provide technical assistance to the District Government, Federal agencies and the general public. One workshop focused on the federal process for review of construction projects to assess impacts on historic resources. Another workshop addressed general preservation issues and the National Register process.
- o During Preservation Week in May, 1986, a major meeting of all preservation groups and interested citizens was held to focus on the partnership between public and private interests and the District's preservation program. This meeting, which was attended by over 100 persons, was a significant step toward continuing to develop cooperative relations between the users of preservation services and the Historic Preservation Division.
- o A joint project with the Office of Planning produced a collection of key historic maps of Washington, D.C. for research and location of historic buildings and sites.

LANDMARK HEARINGS AND DESIGNATIONS

Number of Historic Landmarks and Historic District Hearings and Designations

- (a) Historic District and Historic Landmark designation hearings:

Total 9 hearings

- (b) Historic District and Historic Landmark designations:

Total 8 designations

- (c) Historic District and Historic Landmark designations denied:

Total 1

LANDMARK ACTIVITY
MARCH, 1986 THROUGH MARCH, 1987

Landmarked Nominations:

Anthony Holmead Site

Tenth Precinct Station

Embassy Building Ten

Commercial National Bank

Greyhound Bus Terminal

Foggy Bottom Historic District

Mount Pleasant Historic District

Cleveland Park Historic District

Kalorama Triangle Historic District

Rejected Nomination:

Circle Theater

CERTIFIED REHABILITATION (TAX ACT) PROJECT REVIEW
March 1, 1986 - February 28, 1987

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS PROCESSED:

Part 1: 48
Part 2: 39
Part 3: 48

Total: 135

ADDRESSES OF CERTIFICATIONS PROCESSED:

Individual Landmarks (including preliminary determinations)

Commercial National Bank, 1405 G Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2
Lincoln Theater, 1215 U Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2
1436 R Street, N.W. (Wardman Row), parts 2 and 3
Manhattan Laundry, 1326-46 Florida Avenue, N.W., part 1
Riggs-Tompkins Building, 14th Street & Park Road, N.W., part 3
Soldiers, Sailors, Marines & Airmen's Home, 1013-15 L Street,
N.W., parts 1 and 2

Capitol Hill Historic District

401 1st Street, S.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
523 3rd Street, N.E., parts 1 and 2
Carbery School, 410 5th Street, N.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
401 6th Street, S.E., part 1
301 7th Street, S.E., parts 2 and 3
211 8th Street, N.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
Rear 211 8th Street, N.E., parts 2 and 3
331 8th Street, N.E., parts 1 and 2
400 8th Street, N.E., part 3
400 8th Street, S.E., part 3
705 8th Street, S.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
226 9th Street, S.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
432 11th Street, S.E., part 3
117 12th Street, N.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
118-120 12th Street, N.E., part 1
136 12th Street, S.E., part 3
Rear 303 12th Street, N.E., part 1
315 12th Street, S.E., part 1.
613 A Street, S.E., part 1
205 C Street, N.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
1030 D Street, N.E., part 1, 2, and 3
333 E Street, N.E., part 3
205 F Street, N.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
Rear 645-47 Constitution Avenue, N.E., part 1
1006 Constitution Avenue, N.E., part 3
1201 Constitution Avenue, N.E., part 1

322 East Capitol Street, N.E., part 3
1001 East Capitol Street, S.E., part 3
642 Independence Avenue, S.E., parts 2 and 3
1011 Independence Avenue, S.E., parts 1, 2, and 3
1013 Independence Avenue, S.E., part 3
1322 Independence Avenue, S.E., part 3
336 Maryland Avenue, N.E., part 1
600-602 Maryland Avenue, N.E., parts 1 and 2

DuPont Circle Historic District

1226 17th Street, N.W., part 3
1310 21st Street, N.W., part 1
2115 N Street, N.W., part 1
1727 P Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2
1906 R Street, N.W., part 1
2016 R Street, N.W., part 3
2030 R Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2
2108 R Street, N.W., parts 2 and 3
1621 S Street, N.W., part 3
1750 S Street, N.W., part 3
1755-57 S Street, N.W., part 1
1766 Church Street, N.W., parts 2 and 3
1768 Church Street, N.W., parts 2 and 3
1770 Church Street, N.W., parts 2 and 3
DuPont Circle Building, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., part 2
1731 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., part 2
1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., part 3
1710-12 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., part 3
1730 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., parts 1 and 2
2132 Newport Place, N.W., part 1
2139 Newport Place, N.W., part 3
2143 Newport Place, N.W., parts 2 and 3

Georgetown Historic District

1314 30th Street, N.W., part 1
1238 34th Street, N.W., part 1
3001-03 M Street, N.W., part 1
3005-07 M Street, N.W., part 1
3301 N Street, N.W., part 1
2901 Q Street, N.W., parts 1, 2, and 3
3127 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W., part 1
1241-47 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., part 3

Logan Circle Historic District

3 Logan Circle, N.W., part 3
6 Logan Circle, N.W., part 3
1322 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., parts 1 and 2

Massachusetts Avenue Historic District

2201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., part 3

Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site

638 D Street, N.W., part 1

717 D Street, N.W., part 3

Sixteenth Street Historic District

1627 16th Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2

1821 16th Street, N.W., part 3

1836 16th Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2

1842 16th Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2

The Balfour, 2000 16th Street, N.W., part 3

1536 U Street, N.W., part 2

Strivers' Section Historic District

1809-11 18th Street, N.W., part 2

1840 18th Street, N.W., parts 2 and 3

1745 T Street, N.W., part 1

1751 U Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2

1930 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., part 3

1725 Willard Street, N.W., parts 1 and 2

Takoma Park Historic District

Takoma Theater, 6833 4th Street, N.W., part 3

Eighth Annual Report of Permit Actions

Pursuant to D.C. Law 2-144

March 1, 1986 to February 28, 1987

I. Total number of permit applications received: 669

A. Individual Landmarks

1. alterations:	31
2. demolitions:	3
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>12</u>
Total	46

B. Anacostia Historic District

1. alterations:	3
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	1
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>4</u>
Total	8

C. Capitol Hill Historic District

1. alterations:	154
2. demolitions:	6
3. new construction:	9
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>30</u>
Total	199

D. Downtown Historic District

1. alterations:	8
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	1
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>0</u>
Total	9

E. DuPont Circle Historic District

1. alterations:	70
2. demolitions:	6
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>18</u>
Total	94

F. Fifteenth Street Financial Historic District

1. alterations:	2
2. demolitions:	1
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	2
Total	7

G. Georgetown Historic District

1. alterations:	174
2. demolitions:	5
3. new construction:	10
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>54</u>
Total	243

H. LeDroit Park Historic District

1. alterations:	4
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>0</u>
Total	4

I. Logan Circle Historic District

1. alterations:	1
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>0</u>
Total	1

J. Massachusetts Avenue Historic District

1. alterations:	4
2. demolitions:	1
3. new construction:	1
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>2</u>
Total	8

K. Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site

1. alterations:	5
2. demolitions:	13
3. new construction:	2
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>1</u>
Total	21

L. Sixteenth Street Historic District

1. alterations:	7
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>1</u>
Total	8

M. Strivers' Section Historic District

1. alterations:	9
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	0
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>1</u>
Total	10

N. Takoma Park Historic District

1. alterations:	7
2. demolitions:	0
3. new construction:	1
4. subdivisions:	0
5. concept design review:	<u>0</u>
Total	8

- O. Miscellaneous Permits (all types - all districts),
e.g., street closings, petitions for emergency review:

Total 5

II. Permits Reviewed in Mayor's Agent hearing:

- A. 500, 502, 504, 506, and 508 9th Street, N.W.;
903 E Street, N.W.

1. nature, of requested alterations: demolition
2. reason for hearing: required for all demolitions of contributing buildings in historic districts; approval recommended by Historic Preservation Review Board
3. was economic hardship claimed? no
4. resolution of issue: permits issued as necessary in the public interest in order to allow construction of a project of special merit

- B. Homer Building, 601 13th Street, N.W.

1. nature of requested alteration: partial demolition with retention of facade (revision of previous order)
2. reason for hearing: required for all demolitions of historic landmarks; approval recommended by Historic Preservation Review Board
3. was economic hardship claimed? no
4. resolution of issue: revised permit issued as necessary in the public interest in order to allow construction of a project of special merit

- c. 1222 W Street, S.E.

1. nature of requested alteration: demolition
2. reason for hearing: required for all demolitions of contributing buildings in historic districts
3. was economic hardship claimed? yes
4. resolution of issue: permit denied, but building demolished after determined unsafe by Board of Condemnation

D. 1717-23 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

1. nature of requested alteration: partial demolition with retention of front rooms
2. reason for hearing: required for all demolitions of contributing buildings in historic districts; approval recommended by Historic Preservation Review Board
3. was economic hardship claimed? no
4. resolution of issue: decision pending

E. 1315 K Street, N.W.

1. nature of requested alteration: demolition with salvage and reconstruction of facade
2. reason for hearing: required for all demolitions of individually designated landmarks; approval recommended by Historic Preservation Review Board
3. was economic hardship claimed? no
4. resolution of issue: decision pending

F. 518 C Street, N.E.

1. nature of requested alteration: demolition
2. reason for hearing: required for all demolitions of contributing buildings in historic districts; approval recommended by Historic Preservation Review Board
3. was economic hardship claimed? no
4. resolution of issue: decision pending