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Mr. Roger K. Lewis  
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation  
5034-1/2 Dana Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (Commission) was established by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986 (40 U.S.C. 89 et. Seq.). The Act requires the Commission to consult with sponsors of memorials on matters relating to site and design of memorials to be established on lands subject to provisions of that Act.

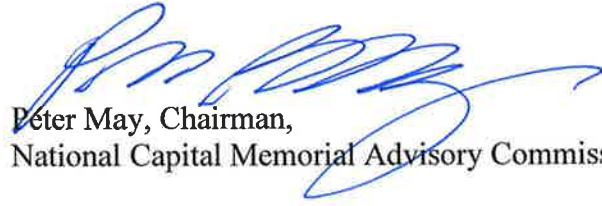
At a public meeting on May 6, 2014, the Commission reviewed and provided comments on a range of sites for the Peace Corps Memorial. The Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation (Foundation) presented an evaluation of four sites identified in the 2001 National Capital Planning Commission Memorials and Museums Master Plan: (1) Site 25 at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue N.W., First Street N.W., and C Street N.W., (2) Site 44 East (Edward Murrow Park) at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., 18<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., and H Street N.W., (3) Site 44 West at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., 19<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., and H Street N.W., and (4) Site 46 at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., 26<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., and M Street N.W. The Commission appreciated your evaluation of the sites, and the information you provided about the intended size and scale of the memorial.

The Commissioners noted that a number of sites would be appropriate for the proposed modest scale of the memorial. Several members of the Commission commented positively on Site 25, noting a particularly good match to the site's size, and observing that this site would benefit from considerable exposure to the numerous school groups which walk past the location on their way between Union Station and the National Mall. Other commissioners commented that Site 46 could be appropriate because of its location between Georgetown and George Washington Universities, where young college students might be inspired by a commemoration of the ideals of the Peace Corps. There was also a discussion of the value of Sites 44 East and West being located near the current headquarters of the Peace Corps, although it was pointed out that the headquarters is a leased location and would not necessarily have a permanent association with these sites.

While Site 25 received the most support from the Commission, they recommended that none of the sites be eliminated from consideration, and encouraged you to be open to other sites that may arise during the consultation and planning process.

We look forward to consulting with you as you continue through the process of establishing this memorial.

Sincerely,



Peter May, Chairman,  
National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission

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