



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Interior Region 1- National Capital Area

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Washington, D.C. 20242

In Reply Refer to:

April 9, 2021

Chris Shaheen  
Program Manager  
Urban Design Division  
DC Office of Planning

Dear Mr. Shaheen,

The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (Commission) is in receipt of the following application for commemorative works that you transmitted on behalf of the District of Columbia's Commemorative Work Committee (CWC):

- A proposal for a statue of President Abraham Lincoln at 1925 Vermont Avenue NW.

I understand that the CWC referred this project to the Commission for review and comment as required by the "Commemorative Works on Public Space Amendment Act of 2000" (DC Law 13-275). While such a review is not required by the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S. Code, Chapter 89) which established the Commission, it has been the practice of the Commission to review referred projects during its public meetings.

I will note that such past reviews were typically for commemorative works proposed to be located in parks or similarly prominent public spaces. In contrast, the Lincoln statue is proposed to be placed on a podium integrated into stairs in front of the Grimke School building's north wing. This proposed placement will not impact a park or a similarly prominent public space, although it is within the District's transportation right-of-way. I have reviewed the submitted materials on behalf of the Commission and concluded that, given its placement, no further review by the Commission is necessary.

Thank you for referring this project to the Commission. If you or the project sponsors should have any questions, please contact Commission Secretary Beth Porter, at [Beth\\_Porter@nps.gov](mailto:Beth_Porter@nps.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. May', with a stylized, flowing script.

Peter May

Chair

National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission

Cc: Frank Smith, African American Civil War Museum