

Petersen House – Section 106 Consulting Parties meeting, 6/16/2010, 2:00-4:00 PM

In attendance: Perry Wheelock, Kimberly Benson, Kym Elder, Darryl McLeod, Stephen Potter, Larry Earle, and Jean McRae. The meeting convened at 2:15 PM.

Attendees were exclusively NPS employees or NPS contractors. No members of the public or agencies/groups that typically attend Section 106 Consulting Parties meetings were present. One agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, responded that their representative would not be able to attend.

The attendees agreed to review the powerpoint presentation prepared for the meeting and to subsequently post it to the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website (PEPC) at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov).

Powerpoint comments as follows:

Slide 1 – should read “additions” (plural) and add “(burned and rebuilt ca. 1863)” between the 1858 and 1871 dates - Potter

Earle commented on the need for an updated nomination and/or documentation of information to show the extended history of the resource; Wheelock referenced the NPS National Capital Region National Register nominations assessment project underway; and Potter suggested a thorough inclusion of the areas of significance as well.

Slide 5 – should read “ replace mechanical system with new climate control system” - Benson

Slide 7 – add dates of the porch drawing and photo shown on slide – Benson

Wheelock suggested the dates be confirmed from the Historic Structures Report (HSR) as there seemed to be a disagreement on which pieces of the porch were “historic” and had integrity.

Slide 17 – discussion continued here regarding the degree of original material remaining in the porch and the implications for introducing any new materials, the design, and demolition and construction of the porch, all of which is subject to Section 106 consultation. – Benson and Wheelock

Slide 20 – “flooring” is more appropriate word than “floor” in alternatives discussion in the text for all the porch alternative slides– Wheelock

Slide 38 – add a slide describing the advantages and disadvantages for the choice of alternative 1B – Benson

Slide 39 – add caption for the location of site and archaeological designation reference number – Potter

Slide 40 – add captions to go accompany each artifact photo; and eliminate one of the extraneous photos. – Potter

Slide 41 – Existing National Register historic district boundaries should show that Petersen House is within the Pennsylvania Avenue National Register Historic District and adjacent to the Downtown Historic District. The Petersen House is also listed on the National Register as part of the Ford’s Theatre National Historic Site – Wheelock

Slide 43 – Verify NPS project coordination with Center for Education and Leadership (CEL) construction timeline (July 2010 – June 2011) – Earle

General discussion focused on the concern regarding the need for a respectful view of the door and doorway to the CEL from the porch area next to the Death Room in the Petersen House. Door and Doorway design at the CEL should be respectful of the historic architectural context of the Petersen House and of the potential for a negative impact on the visitor experience after viewing the Death Room. The meeting concluded at 3pm.

