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Mr. John F.C. Kenney, Jr.
National Committee for the
Korean War Memorial
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Dear Mr. Kenney:

We are pleased to invite you and members of the National Committee for the Korean War Memorial to a meeting of the Secretary of the Interior's National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee.

A copy of the Notice of Meeting published in the Federal Register and the Committee's agenda is enclosed. On the agenda for the meeting will be the proposed memorial legislation. The Committee would appreciate receiving a presentation by you or a representative of your Committee on the proposed legislation for the memorial.

We look forward to seeing you on September 22nd.

Sincerely,

Regional Director, National Capital Region

Enclosures
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 1982, in Room 234 at the National Capital Region Headquarters, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, D.C.

The Committee was established for the purpose of preparing and recommending to the Secretary broad criteria, guidelines and policies for memorializing persons and events on Federal lands in the National Capital Region (as defined in the National Capital Planning Act of 1952, as amended) through the media of monuments, memorials and statues. It is to examine each memorial proposal for adequacy and appropriateness, make recommendations to the Secretary with respect to site location on Federal land in the National Capital Region and to serve as an information focal point for those seeking to erect memorials on Federal land in the National Capital Region.

The members of the Committee are as follows:

Mr. Russell E. Dickenson (Chairman)
Director, National Park Service
Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Helen M. Scharf  
Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. George M. White  
Architect of the Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

General Mark W. Clark  
Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. J. Carter Brown  
Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts  
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Marion S. Barry  
Mayor of the District of Columbia  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. A. R. Marshall  
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service  
Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review H.J. Res 485, which would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial and H.J. Res 523, which would authorize the erection of a memorial on public grounds in the District of Columbia or its environs, in honor and commemoration of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Korean War.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Committee a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed.
Persons who wish to file a written statement or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact Mr. John G. Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Land Use Coordination, National Capital Region, at area code 202 426-7750. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection 2 weeks after the meeting at the Office of National Capital Region, Room 206, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, D.C.

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Date

(Sgd) Marcus J. Fish, Jr.

Regional Director, National Capital Region
United States Department of the Interior

NOTICE

To: National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee Members and Alternates

I am pleased to enclose the agenda and supporting documents for a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee on Wednesday, September 22, 1982, 1:30 p.m. in Room 234, at the National Capital Region Headquarters, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C.

Enclosure

John G. Parsons
AGENDA

National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee
1100 Ohio Drive, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20242
September 22, 1982 - 1:30 p.m.

I. Opening  J. Parsons
II. H.J. Res 485  J. Ronsisvalle
III. H.J. Res 523  J. Ronsisvalle
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to evaluate alternative sites for the Korean War Memorial proposed for construction in or near the Monumental Core of Washington, D.C. This action would be authorized by Congress and carried out by the National Committee for the Korean War Memorial, Inc., with funds raised through public subscription. This memorial would be a national memorial to the American men and women who served in the Korean War.

The process to identify the preferred site(s) for the memorial includes the following major analysis steps:

- Document the proposed program concept for the memorial
- Establish "site area" goals and actual "site area" selection criteria,
- Identify alternative site areas,
- Map alternative site areas,
- Apply selection criteria to determine preferred "site areas",
- Establish "site" selection criteria,
- Within the preferred "site area" analyze the selected site using the site criteria to determine the preferred site,
- Present alternatives evaluation in graphic and written form.

It should be noted that all decision criteria developed to date had been done so after a series of meetings and discussions with the relevant agencies, commissions and committees which are charged with the review and approval of such memorials in Washington, D.C. These include, but are not limited to:

- National Commission of Fine Arts,
- National Capital Planning Commission,
- National Park Service,
- National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee.

In order to insure this report is brief, readable, and as useful for decision-makers as possible, only a summary of the above listed analysis steps and conclusions has been included within this report.
KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
PROGRAM CONCEPT

PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Committee for the Korean War Memorial (NCKWM) is to erect in Washington, D.C. with funds raised through public subscription, a national memorial to the American men and women who served and those who died in the Korean War. The NCKWM seeks to erect the memorial, at no expense to the United States or District of Columbia, upon a prominent site near the Nation's Capital Monumental Core.

The Korean War Memorial is conceived as a means not only to provide proper recognition of the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans by the American people, but also to promote and strengthen the framework for the international peace.

Through support of this project, all Americans, regardless of differing opinions regarding United States foreign policy, may unite in expressing their acknowledgement of the sacrifice of those who served there. The memorial will recognize the accomplishments of the veterans of the war, and will symbolize the experience of the Korean War generation for all generation to come.

PROGRAM CONCEPT

The NCKWM seeks Congressional designation of a site area for the proposed memorial in or within close proximity to, the city's Monumental Core. The choice of this site is appropriate because of the significance of the war in United States history and the symbolic power needed to serve the purpose of strengthen the framework for international peace.

The NCKWM's "design concept" for the memorial provides for a dignified architectural, landscaped solution emphasizing the strength, resolution, and firmness of purpose of the United States and the American people in the defense of freedom against armed aggression. The memorial is envisioned in a spacious garden setting of approximately two acres. The actual memorial would be contained on a smaller site within the larger two acres garden setting. Intergrated into the artistic unity of the memorial garden would be a low-key unobtrusive sculptural statement symbolizing the accomplishments of Americans who served in Korea.
The memorial setting or "sense of place" would be a contemplative, reflecting and pleasing environment, where one could enjoy walking through a seasonal garden or sitting and resting. The design would not dominate or interfere with the surrounding national memorials. Instead, the memorial would blend harmoniously with the surrounding environment and contribute to the quality of the Nation's Capital Monument Core.

The NCKWM believes that a memorial sited in or in close proximity to the Monumental Core and designed with the foregoing guidelines would provide fitting recognition for the veterans of the Korean War while enhancing the natural beauty of the national capital.
KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
"SITE AREA" SELECTION CRITERIA

Introduction

After several meetings and discussions with the agencies and commissions relevant to the review and approval of memorials in Washington, D.C., a list of site selection criteria was developed which best reflects NCKWM needs as well as these agencies' needs. The organizations and agencies which were contacted to insure their relevant criteria for site selection was included in this study are:

National Commission of Fine Arts,
National Capital Planning Commission,
National Park Service,
National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee.

A description of each criteria subject is presented below.

CRITERIA 1.0: SITE SHOULD BE IN OR WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE MONUMENTAL CORE

The significance of the proposed memorial requires a prominent site area image. This would be effectively achieved in or within close proximity to the Nation's Capital Monumental Core.

CRITERIA 2.0: SITE SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH MAJOR HISTORIC MEMORIAL AXES OR VISTAS.

Site areas within the Monumental Core should not conflict with visual axes, radials, or grounds of

- The Washington Monument
- The White House/Ellipse/The Jefferson Memorial
- U.S.Capitol/Smithsonian Facilities/Lincoln Memorial
- Mall 3rd to 14th Streets

Due to the historic significance of these vistas and grounds, any potential site areas that would occur on the grounds or conflict with vistas were given an absolute evaluation of no further consideration as a potential memorial site area. All other site area criteria are relative judgments of compatibility.
CRITERIA 3.0: SITE SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH ADJACENT LAND USES

Land adjacent to site areas should have uses compatible with the design intent of a "garden like" memorial. For example, several playing fields adjacent to the site area would be compatible land uses.

Uses of a adjacent land which are not compatible include:

- Land negatively impacted with transportation facilities.
- Urban areas significantly impacted by noise.
- Heavily utilized sport recreation areas.

CRITERIA 4.0: SITE SHOULD BE CONVENIENT TO TOURISTS VISITING NATIONAL MEMORIALS

Site areas should be located in close proximity to the existing memorials of the Nation's Capital, which millions of tourists visit each year.

CRITERIA 5.0: SITE SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY

To be consistent with the memorial design schedule, the availability of the site area and surrounding environment should not be dependent on future design improvements, building relocation/demolition, or use relocation.

CRITERIA 6.0: SITE SHOULD BE OF ADEQUATE SIZE

To fulfill the criteria described above (a contemplative, reflecting visitor experience, within a garden like environmental setting,) a potential site must be carefully sized, at this time, this size has been tentatively determined as follows:

- a focused, memorial area, that is 1/2 to 3/4 acre in size,
- a surrounding setting, including the actual memorial area sized above, of 1 3/4 to 2 1/2 acres in size.

Having examined a number of comparable situations, these sizing parameters seem adequate. The Declaration of Independence Signers Memorial in Constitution Gardens, The John F. Kennedy Graves and the Einstein Memorial are of comparable sizes and were investigated carefully to determine the appropriate size relationship between actual memorial area and setting area required.
CRITERIA 7.0: SITE SHOULD HAVE GOOD ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS TOURMOBILE OR VEHICULAR SERVICE

The site area should be convenient and accessible to the pedestrian and tourmobile and, as well, without significant vehicular or parking conflicts.

CRITERIA 8.0: SITE SHOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTEMPLATIVE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

To provide a contemplative and reflecting memorial environment the site area should not be severely impacted by noise or continually disrupted by a constant sense of urban activities and presence.

CRITERIA 9.0: SITE SHOULD BE WITHIN A "GARDEN LIKE" ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The memorial site's surrounding environment should provide a sense of enclosure with mature vegetation, and not be dominated by architectural elements.

CRITERIA 10.0: SITE SHOULD BE SUITABLE FOR A VERTICAL LANDSCAPE SOLUTION

The actual site and immediate surrounding area should be large enough to complement the architectural statement of the design concept with a garden-like setting. Most often this would eliminate developed urban sites which usually require vertical elements.
### Veterans Memorial

#### Site Area Matrix

### Site Area Criteria

1. Within or in close proximity to the Monumental Core.
2. Not conflicting with major historic memorial axes or vistas.
3. Compatible with adjacent land uses.
4. Convenient to tourists visiting national memorials.
5. Immediate Site Availability — not dependent on existing building demolition or use relocation.
6. Adequate size for a significant memorial setting (approximately 2 acres).
7. Access by pedestrians, tourbuses and vehicles.
9. Within a "garden like" environmental setting.
10. Suitable for a horizontal landscape solution, emphasizing a horizontal ground plane feature vs. a vertical element.

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### Site Evaluation

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- **RATING**
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- **SITE EVALUATION**
  - Eliminated Site Area (conflicting location)
  - Potential Site Area (low rating)
  - Preferred Site Area (high rating)
The site selection process first reviewed available sites within the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area; (extending from Washington, D.C. to Virginia and Maryland) which would satisfy the initial National Committee for the Korean War Memorial, Inc. program concepts.

Specific "site area" selection criteria for the memorial was then developed. A "site area" is an area of land which could contain several actual memorial sites and is defined by the generally known natural and land use borders which shape a particular area of the city. These "site area" criteria first established that due to the national historic significance of the proposed Korean War Memorial, a prominent site would be required. Site selection, therefore, focused toward the vicinity of the Monumental Core of the city.

Forcusing the site selection process within this vicinity, the first issue considered was the availability. To achieve the site criteria developed, it was determined that a two-acre site area was necessary. (This is further discussed in the site area criteria description section.) Logically, the next question asked was where are those areas large enough (approaching two acres) to site a memorial with a park-like surroundings area. Fourteen possible site areas were identified in or near the Monumental Core.

Once potential sites were identified these were related to the site criteria on a matrix. Refer to the matrix figure. The matrix enabled a straightforward, systematic analysis. All criteria, but one, were to assess on a relative judgment of compatibility. Asking; is a potential site area compatible with a given criteria? (See Matrix.) Only criteria 2.0 which states potential site areas cannot conflict with major historic memorial axes or vistas, was given an absolute evaluation. A site "was" or "was not" compatible with this criteria. If a site area was in conflict with a major national memorial or landmark this area was eliminated from further consideration as a potential Korean War Memorial site.

Conflicting with a major national memorial or landmark was understood to be those site areas which would interfere with planned historic visual axes or if the proximity of a potential site area would disrupt the visual foreground of a major national memorial or landmark. The specific national memorials, landmarks, and historic visual axes that should not be disrupted were identified as the following:

- The Washington Monument
- The White House/Ellipse/The Jefferson Memorial
- US Capitol/Smithsonian Facilities/Lincoln Memorial Mall from 3rd to 14th Streets.
The other selection criteria was weighted as either compatible, not compatible, or moderately compatible. Moderate compatibility justified those conditions where a criteria could be partially satisfied.

Cumulatively, the design compatibility of a "site area" was rated. A "site area", depending on its high or low rating was evaluated. A site was either an eliminated site area (vis-a-vis, criteria 2.0), a potential site area, or preferred site area.

The "site area" analysis concludes, and the matrix presents that, there are three site areas among fourteen, which rate highest by satisfying planning criteria. Both the Lincoln Memorial South or West Potomac Park south of Independence Avenue and east of Ohio Drive; or East Tidal Basin south of Independence Avenue and west of Maine Avenue. The matrix rating identifies West Potomac Park and East Tidal Basin as the most compatible or suitable area for the proposed Korean War Memorial.
KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
"SITE" SELECTION CRITERIA

Introduction

The "site area" analysis identified three site areas of fourteen evaluated as best satisfying the planning criteria. These were Lincoln Memorial South, West Potomac Park, Tidal Basin, and Hain's Point.

The following site selection criteria result from specific "site" related issues which should be considered in the site analysis process.

CRITERIA 1.0: SITE SHOULD ACHIEVE OPTIMAL CLIMATIC ORIENTATIONS

The optimal sun orientation for the proposed memorial is towards the Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial. This orientation would best provide the necessary sunlight for plant growth and visitor comfort in the site. It would also provide the most equal daily heat distribution.

CRITERIA 2.0: SITE SHOULD HAVE SUITABLE SURFACE CONDITIONS

In order to insure adequate surface water drainage and collection in the memorial site area, the site should not have unusually severe topographic or surface conditions constraints.

CRITERIA 3.0: SITE SHOULD HAVE SUITABLE SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The site should have an adequate subsurface soil structure in order to support structural footing and foundations without excessive costs. The underground water table should not be so high as to cause excavation and costs problems, flooded utilities or unstable foundations.

CRITERIA 4.0: SITE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONNECTIONS

The memorial site should have access to underground domestic water, storm sewage and electric services.
CRITERIA 5.0: SITE SHOULD HAVE GOOD ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND TOURMOBILE OR OTHER VEHICULAR SERVICE

The site should be conveniently accessible to pedestrians and tourmobile service, without major vehicular or parking conflicts.

CRITERIA 6.0: SITE SHOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR "SENSE OF ENCLOSURE" FOR THE MEMORIAL

Site enclosure would provide a sense of design unity, a memorial setting, and opportunity for a contemplative visitor experience. A "sense of enclosure" in the memorial site could be achieved with existing mature vegetation, the use of garden walls, topographic elevation changes, or new plant material.

CRITERIA 7.0: SITE SHOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VISITOR TO VIEW THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT AND VISTAS

Visitors to the memorial site should have an opportunity to view the surrounding environment and memorials. These views provide a sense of integration of the memorial into the entire monumental core.

CRITERIA SUMMARY

The above criteria are based on site related issues that have been studied and applied in the site analysis. These site planning criteria are those traditionally used to determine the site feasibility of a design development.
SITE ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

The site analysis map depicts the Tidal basin site area which has been designated for the proposed memorial(temporally).

The site analysis applies the site criteria to examine those major issues. (1) whether the existing physical conditions in the site area are suitable for construction of a memorial environment, and (2) What are the existing land uses in the site area and are the existing land uses compatible with the proposed memorial.

(1) EXISTING PHYSICAL SITE CONDITIONS

Geology/Soils

Utilities

Topography

Climatic Conditions

Noise

Vegetation

(2) EXISTING LAND USES

Recreation

Passive recreation is the predominant land use in the site area. The site area is primarily an open grass meadow and lake basin surrounded by woodland vegetation. Since the proposed memorial is envisioned as a garden like environment with the passive recreation potential, the proposed memorial would be compatible with the existing land uses.

Circulation and Access

Public facilities

Surrounding Land Uses