## Arlington National Cemetery Entry Corridor Area Improvements Consulting Party Meeting Chat Comments 1 May 2025 Virtual Meeting Hosted on Microsoft Teams

Juliet Healy: Thank you for joining the Arlington National Cemetery Entry Corridor Area Improvements Project Virtual Consulting Parties Meeting. We will begin the presentation promptly at 4 p.m. EDT. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. For more information about the project, please visit: <u>https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Public-Notices</u> Questions and comments can be sent to: <u>usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-</u> resources@army.mil

Marty Suydam: Arlington Historical Society

Cameron DeLancey: Pentagon Reservation Master Planner

Lee Webb: National Capital Planning Commission/FPO

**Juliet Healy:** For those using the call in option for audio- Press \*5 to raise or lower your hand. Press \*6 to mute or unmute yourself.

For technical issues with Teams, please type your questions and comments in the chat box during this meeting. When your organization is called upon during roll call, please unmute yourself and provide your name and title within your consulting party.

**Lorrin Farris**: FYI, I'm noticing that the sound is going in and out.

Maureen Joseph me too; audio is choppy

Daniel Fox: Yes, we did not hear what was just said.

**Juliet Healy:** The goal for today's meeting is to obtain additional comments regarding ANMC's identification of the Area of Potential Effects (APE), identification of historic properties, and to discuss the agency's findings of no adverse effects.

If you wish to know more about the specific details of the National Register Historic Properties, please visit the following websites:

- To view the Arlington National Cemetery Historic District National Register Nomination: <u>https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0042/</u>
- To view the Arlington Memorial Bridge and related features National Register Nomination: <u>https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0014/</u>

**Lee Webb**: The National Capital Planning Commission reviewed and provided comments on the Memorial Avenue Corridor Plan. Here is a link to the Commission's comments: <u>Commission</u> <u>Meeting Archive</u>

NCPC's review was in March 2025.

**Juliet Healy:** In a few moments, we will be soliciting your comments on various aspects of the Section 106 process, to include if you concur or non-concur with the APE or list of historic properties, and with the agency's finding of no adverse effects.

• If you do concur with the APE/list of Historic Properties/effects finding, please comment in the chat.

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• If you do not concur, below are the questions we will be asking:

- If you do not concur with the APE, how would you redefine it?
- If you do not concur with the list of Historic Properties within or adjacent to the APE, please explain.
- If you do not concur with the finding of no adverse effects, please explain. Are there effects the agency has not considered fully or neglected to consider?

You may also write your response to the questions in the chat box rather than providing an oral comment.

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**Daniel Fox**: Can you or someone from the Advisory Council speak to the role of screening vegetation in assessing adverse effects? In our own design review, we disregard screening vegetation when considering the impact of a project.

Maureen Joseph: Did you consider a viewshed image with "leaf off" or winter view?

**Daniel Fox**: These are the comments from the Commission of Fine Arts from its November 2024 concept review of the feasibility study for Memorial Avenue Area Development Plan: <u>https://www.cfa.gov/records-research/project-search/cfa-21-nov-24-1</u>

**Maureen Joseph**: There is an image in the viewshed study - this is what is shown for the middle of the avenue.



Figure 4-23: View of ANC Along Memorial Avenue (Proposed Action Rendering)

**Steven Crawford**: The mobile guard station in this view is similar to what is there now. The new one would be placed further east on ANC property. The intent is to replace the old station and provide a new mobile station as part of ADP1.

**Kali Krumpos**: I wanted to share my support for the planned improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. We strongly support the Arlington Memorial Trail and believe that it will play an important regional role and provide additional non-vehicle access to the site, whether ultimately built directly by ANC as part of this project or developed concurrently and in conjunction with Arlington County.

Lee Webb: Thank you for hosting this CP meeting, and sharing the information!

**Juliet Healy:** Comments provided in this meeting and through written submission throughout the remainder of the Section 106 process will all be taken into account for incorporation into the final NHPA compliance document that will govern the undertaking. After the determination is received from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer), ANMC will either continue consultation regarding the resolution of potential adverse effects or incorporate the finding of no adverse effects into the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) document.

The Army must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirements prior to any determination to execute a potential undertaking.

We appreciate your participation in today's consulting parties meeting. Again, please visit <u>https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Public-Notices</u>for more information. Have a good night

Maureen Joseph: thank you

Kalli Krumpos: Thanks!