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Debby

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGARET A. WILLIAMS
FROM: GARY J. WALTERS
SUBJECT: PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE CLOSING

Attached is a copy of the letter advising me of the names and disciplines of the professionals included in the early discussions for the permanent design of the closed portion of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House.

The first report to Mr. Panetta by the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Park Service took place last week.

The next meeting of the National Park Service led group will take place this Friday, July 28. The meeting will further the process of deciding the interim solutions making Pennsylvania Avenue more pedestrian friendly and also address the aesthetics of the police controlled intersections around the White House.

Two issues that are yet to be resolved are the decisions concerning the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue between 15th Street and Dolley Madison Avenue in front of the Treasury Department and the firmness of the date in Mr. Panetta's letter to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the permanent design completion date.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Walters

Gary J. Walters
Chief Usher
Executive Residence
The White House



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127



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JUL 17 1995

Mr. Gary Walters
Chief Usher
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Gary:

Thank you for your suggestions on participants for the charrette to begin the Pennsylvania Avenue permanent design process. As discussed at our meeting on June 20, we are seeking a small group of the best minds in the country representing a wide variety of design related professional fields.

Enclosed is a list of the suggestions we received from you and others who attended the meeting. If you have any strong feelings about those suggested, beyond the ones we have already received from you, please contact Mr. Denis Galvin, Associate Director, Professional Services at (202) 208-3264. We would appreciate having your views by July 31.

Your involvement in this project is highly valued. I look forward to our work together.

Sincerely,

Roger G. Kennedy, FAIA
Director

Enclosure

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE DESIGN PROJECT
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Suggestions for Permanent Pennsylvania Avenue Design Charrette

During their meeting on June 20, 1994, members of the Executive Committee for the Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House were asked to suggest participants for a charrette which would begin the permanent Pennsylvania Avenue design project. The following individuals have been suggested as of July 7, 1995:

Landscape Architects:

Diana Balmori
Landscape Architect
Balmori and Associates
New Haven, Connecticut

Joe Brown
President,
EDAW
San Francisco, California

Everett Fly
Landscape Architect
San Antonio, Texas

Carol Franklin
Landscape Architect
Andropogon Associates, Ltd.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Paul Freeberg
Landscape Architect
New York, New York

John Hall
Landscape Architect
LDR International
Columbia, Maryland

Doug Hayes
Landscape Architect
Arlington, Virginia

Lawrence Halprin
Landscape Architect
Lawrence Halprin and Associates
San Francisco, California

Mark Johnson
Landscape Architect
Civitas
Denver, Colorado

Dan Kiley
Landscape Architect
Charlotte, Vermont

Debra Mitchell
Landscape Architect
Johnson, Johnson and Roy
Washington, D.C.

Laurie Olin
Landscape Architect
Hanna Olin Landscape Architects
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nicholas Quennell
Landscape Architect
Quennell Rothschild Associates
New York, New York

Herb Schaal, FASLA
Landscape Architect
EDAW
Fort Collins, Colorado

Hideo Sasaki
Landscape Architect
Sasaki Associates
Watertown, Massachusetts

John Simonds, FASLA
Landscape Architect
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

James Urban
Landscape Architect
Urban and Associates
Annapolis, Maryland

Morgan Wheelock
Landscape Architect
Morgan Wheelock Incorporated
Palm Beach, Florida

Architects:

Harold Adams, FAIA
Architect
RTKL Associates, Inc.
Baltimore, Maryland

Charles Atherton, FAIA
Secretary
The Commission of Fine Arts
Washington D.C.

Robert Berkebile, FAIA
Architect
Berkebile Nelson Immenschuh McDowell, Inc. (BNIM)
Kansas City, Missouri

Walter Scott Blackburn, FAIA
Architect
Blackburn Associates
Indianapolis, Indiana

J. Max Bond, FAIA
Architect
Davis Brady and Associates
New York, New York

M.J. "Jay" Brodie, FAIA
Architect/City Planner
RTKL Associates, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

Jean Paul Carlhian, FAIA
Architect
Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott
Boston, Massachusetts

Warren Cox, FAIA
Architect
Hartman Cox Architects
Washington, D.C.

Joe Esherick, FAIA
Architect
Esherick Homsey Dodge and Davis
San Francisco, California

Pliny Fisk
Architect/Landscape Architect
Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems
Austin, Texas

Jan Frankina
Architect
Director of Design and Planning
Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation
Washington, D.C.

Joan Goody, FAIA
Architect and President
Goody, Clancy and Associates
Boston, Massachusetts

Harry Gordon
Architect
Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman Associates
Washington, D.C.

Hugh Hardy, FAIA
Architect/educator
Hardy Holzna Pfeiffer Associates
New York, New York

George Hartman, FAIA
Architect
Hartman Cox Architects
Washington, D.C.

George Homsey, FAIA
Architect
Esherick Homsey Dodge and Davis
San Francisco, California

Hugh Newell Jacobsen, FAIA
Architect
Washington, D.C.

Fay Jones, FAIA
Architect/Educator
Fayettesville, Arkansas

David Lee, FAIA
Architect/Urban Designer
Stull and Lee, Inc.
Boston, Massachusetts

Robert P. Madison, FAIA
Madison Architects
Cleveland, Ohio

Susan Maxman
Architect
Susan Maxman Architects
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

William McDonough
Architect
New York, New York

Cesar Pelli, FAIA
Architect/Urban Planner
Cesar Pelli and Associates
New Haven, Connecticut

Harry G. Robinson, III, FAIA
Architect
Dean, School of Architecture and Planning
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

Richard Shepard
Architect
Shepard Quraeshi Associates
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

John H. Spencer, FAIA, ASLA
Chairman, Department of Architecture (retired)
Hampton University
Hampton, Virginia

Donald Stull, FAIA
Architect
Stull and Lee
Boston, Massachusetts

John Carl Warnecke, FAIA
Architect
John Carl Warnecke and Associates
San Francisco, California

William Warner
Architect
William Warner Architects
Exeter, Rhode Island

Harry Weese, FAIA
Architect
Harry Weese and Associates
Chicago, Illinois

Richard Weinstein
Professor of Architecture
School of Environmental Design
University of California

Urban Planners/Designers:

Maxine Griffith
Urban Designer
Member, New York City Planning Commission
New York, New York

William Hollingsworth Whyte
Urban Planner
New York, New York

Historical Architect

Dr. Richard Dozier
Historical Architect
Florida A & M

Historians

Daniel Boorstin
Librarian of Congress Emeritus
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Simon Schama
Historian/Educator/Author
Department of History
Columbia University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Vincent Scully
Architectural Historian
Humanities and Social Sciences
CALTECH
Pasadena, California

William Seale
Architectural Historian
Alexandria, Virginia

Lighting Designers:

Nancy Clanton
Lighting Engineer and President,
Clanton Engineering
Boulder, Colorado

William Lam
Architect/Lighting Designer
William Lam Inc.
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Christopher Ripman
Lighting Designer
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Sculptors:

Ed Dwight
Sculptor
Seattle, Washington

Jonathan Fairbanks
Sculptor
Boston, Massachusetts

Event Programmers:

Karin Bacon
Events Planner
Karin Bacon Events Inc.
New York, New York

Colleen Jennings-Roggensack
Executive Director, Special Events
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona

Others:

Ralph Appelbaum
Exhibit Designer and President
Ralph Appelbaum Associates
New York, New York

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

Nash Castro
Consultant on Natural and Historic Management
Sutton, New York

Bernadette Cosart
Greening of Harlem Coalition

John Knott, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Deweese Island
Isle of Palm, South Carolina

Georges Jacquemart
Transportation planner and traffic engineer
BF&J Buckhurst Fish and Jacquemart, Inc.
New York, New York

Gail Lindsey
Design Harmony, Inc.
Raleigh, North Carolina

Amory Lovins
Engineer
Rock Mountain Institute
Snowmass, Colorado

Patricia O'Donnell
Landscape, Inc.

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

COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLAN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

Executive Committee **Role and Function**

The Executive Committee of the Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House is composed of the leadership of those governmental stewardship and oversight agencies and federally chartered organizations who have official responsibilities within the study area known as the White House and President's Park.

Executive Committee members work with the Director of the National Park Service in this planning process to help develop and guide the Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House. Each member brings the responsibilities, concerns and relevant expertise of their agency to the project. Members of the Executive Committee help develop and carry out an implementation strategy for the final plan.

Together the Executive Committee seeks to serve the presidency and the people through the development of a Comprehensive Design Plan which ensures that the resources of the site are protected while safe and efficient services are provided for those who live, work and visit there.

This planning process stems from the long range concerns of the stewardship and oversight agencies about the ability of the area to accommodate present and future use. Planning began in the spring of 1992 and a completed plan is expected by December, 1995. This project involves opportunities for public review and comment at the issue identification, draft plan and final plan stages.

COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLAN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**Executive Committee
Members**

Chair:

Mr. Roger G. Kennedy
Director
National Park Service

Members:

Honorable Jodie Torkelson
Deputy Assistant to the President for
Management and Administration
The White House

Commander Christopher Schanze, P.E.
Special Programs Officer
White House Military Office

Mr. Gary Walters
Chief Usher
The Executive Residence
The White House

Ms. Leslie Maddin
Deputy to the Chief of Staff
and White House Liaison
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Mr. Richard Miller
Assistant Director
Office of Protective Operations
U.S. Secret Service
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House
Executive Committee Members
(continued)

Mr. James N. Barnard, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Regional
Administrator
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration

~~Mr. Albert G. Dobbins, III~~
Director
Office of Planning
District of Columbia

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Executive Director
National Capital Planning Commission

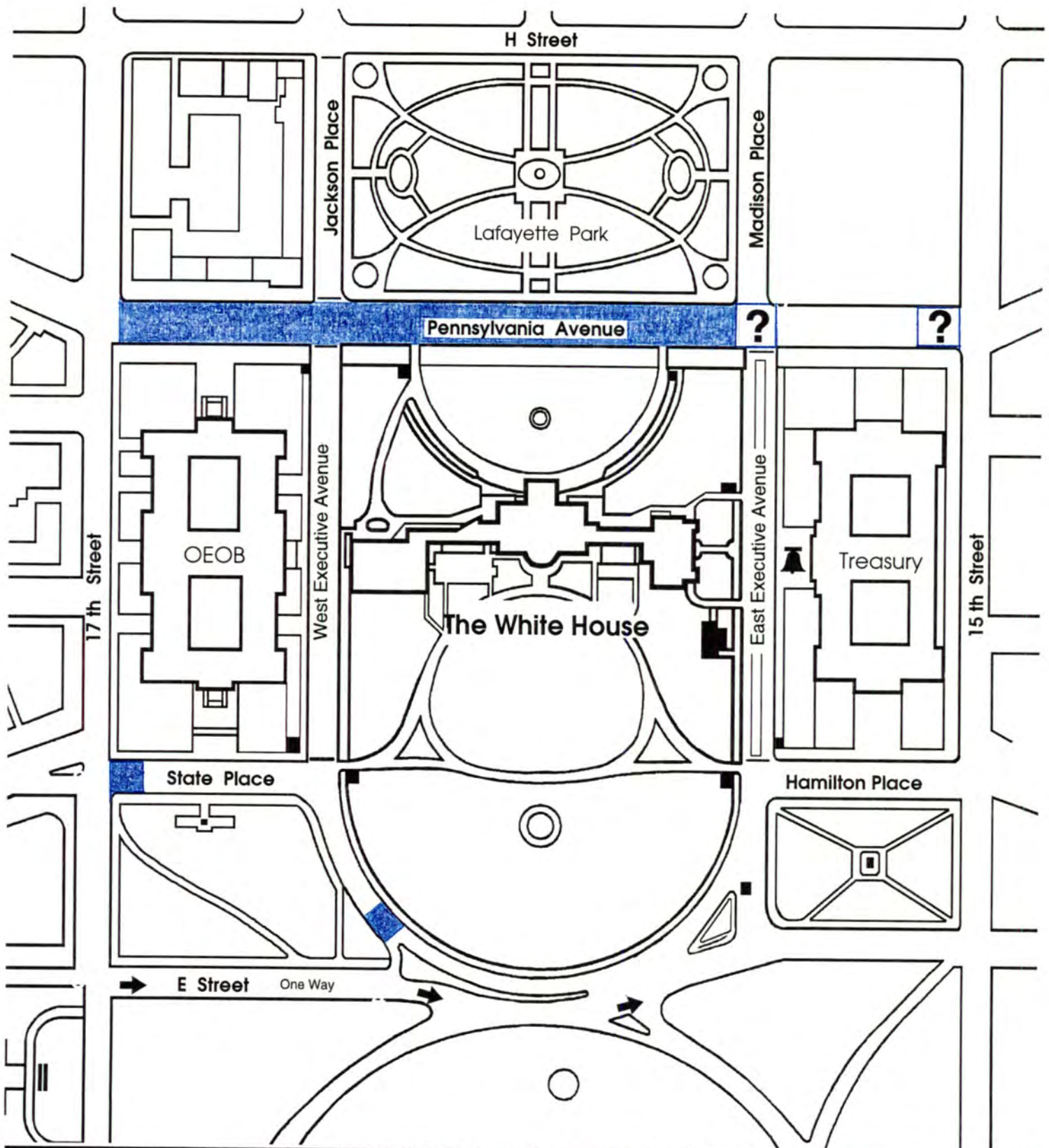
Ms. Cathryn Buford Slater
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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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National Park Service

Summer, 1995

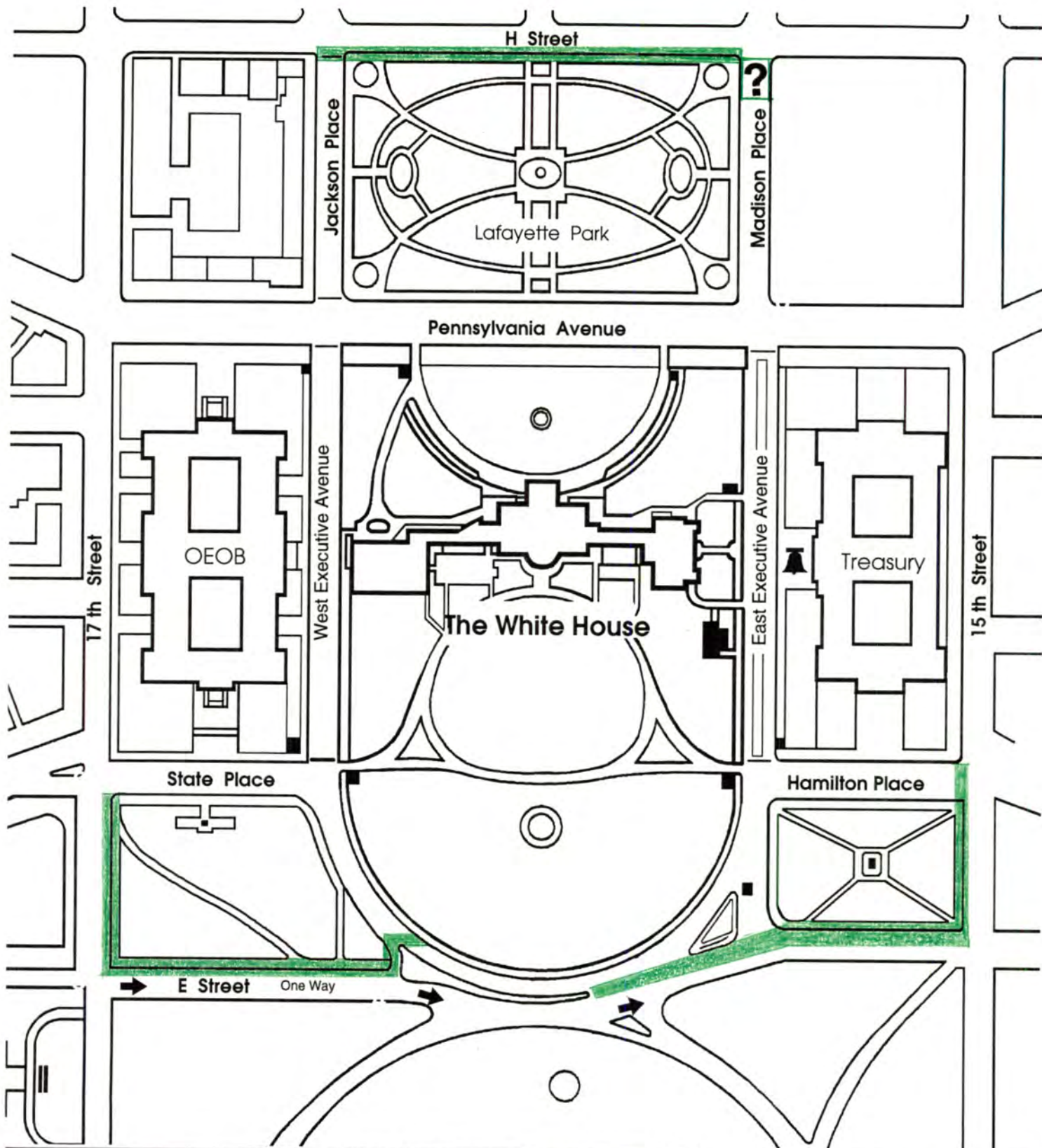




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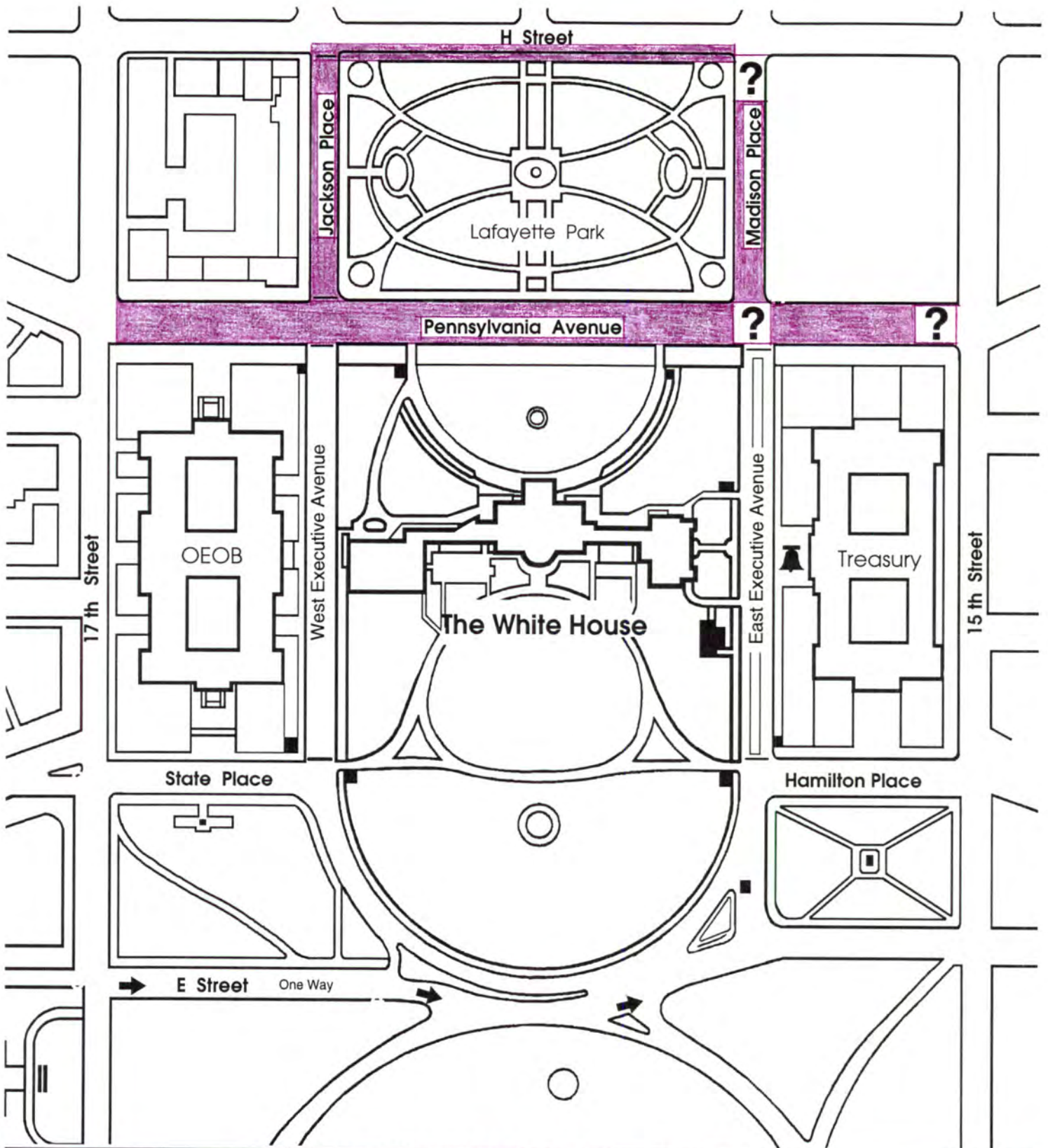
Phase IA





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Phase IB



Pennsylvania Avenue Project

Phase II

JOHN CARL WARNECKE FAIA

COPY FOR YOUR
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ARCHITECTS AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS

300 BROADWAY SUITE 16 SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 94133 TEL (415) 397-4200 FAX (415) 397-4207

October 27, 1995

PM 10/31/95

James McDaniel
Associate Regional Director
National Park Service
White House Liaison
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20242

Re: Park Department's Temporary Plan

Dear Jim,

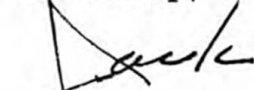
After our July meeting and with all the enthusiasm you showed about some of our previous drawings and work, I decided to go ahead and complete our original design and adapt it to today's security needs as I now understand them. As you remember, I met with several others and they all seemed most enthusiastic about this design approach and philosophy of architecture I was advocating for this project.

I was most pleased that your temporary plan carries out much of our previous design work.

With this basic temporary plan in place, you will have an excellent opportunity to test key elements of the plan and use it as a working model to test various elements of the design and function of this important project.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

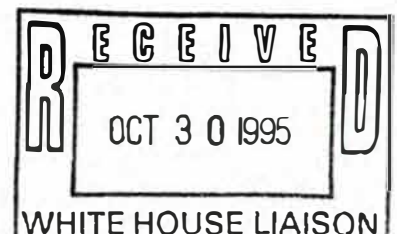
Sincerely,



John Carl Warnecke, FAIA

JCW/bb:297

cc: Roger G. Kennedy



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October 26, 1995

Jim 10/31

James McDaniel
Associate Regional Director
National Park Service
White House Liaison
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Jim,

As per my earlier August 3, 1995 letter to you and as a follow up on this, I recently read you printed report asking for design concepts from both design professionals and the general public. It was excellently prepared and it was carried out in a most professional manner.

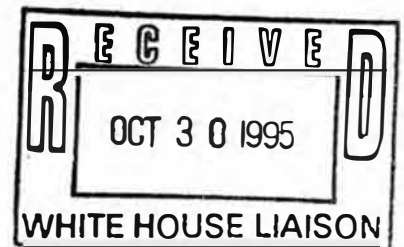
With the problem of a design competition now overcome and your plans for the Charette in place, you have taken a giant step forward. Congratulations, and I am looking forward to the Charette and the historic presentation you and Susan Spain have asked me to make.

Sincerely,

Jack
John Carl Warnecke, FAIA

JCW/bb:297

cc: Roger G. Kennedy





NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WHITE HOUSE LIAISON
1100 OHIO DRIVE S.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
(202) 619-6344 FAX (202) 619-6353

FAX

DATE: 7-24-95
TO: Debby Both
ADDRESS: OEGB, Washington, DC 20500
ROOM: 100
PHONE: 456-6266 FAX: 456-6244
FROM: Jim McDaniel

SUBJECT:

As you requested in our meeting with the Chief of Staff, I have enclosed the latest schedule of consultant meetings of Phase I of the Pennsylvania Avenue Design Project. Please feel free to participate in any of these meetings as your schedule permits. You might want to check with us prior to attending to be sure there have been no changes. (My assistant, Sanna Osborne, would be able to help if I am not available.)

All our meetings take place at the White House Historical Association, 740 Jackson Place, N.W. (on Lafayette Square.) If we can provide any additional information, please let us know.

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INTERIM DESIGN - PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
Informal Advice Group

Status of Contacts as of July 24, 1995
(revised as of 1:00 p.m.)

Charles Atherton	Meeting held July 18 at 10:00 a.m.
Bob Berkebile, FAIA	He telephoned, but unable to confirm. Will speak again on Friday, July 21
Walter Scott Blackburn, FAIA	Meeting set for July 19 at 3:00 p.m.
J. Carter Brown	Meeting held July 18 at 10:00 a.m.
Warren Cox/George Hartman	Mr. Cox will coordinate with Mr. Hartman. Both are working on their schedules. Mr. Cox to call back.
Carol Franklin	She returned the call, and is looking at her schedule. She would like to bring an associate if she comes. Tentative date is July 28 at 2:00 p.m.
Hugh Newell Jacobsen	Out of town until Thursday, July 20. Sanna working with his office to schedule meeting.
Robert P. Madison, FAIA	Meeting scheduled for July 26 at 2 p.m. Asked for travel arrangements to be handled.
Laurie Olin	Mr. Olin said he would very much like to help, but he has a time problem for the next couple of weeks. He plans to call Sanna after double checking his calendar. Jim offered to meet with him at his office if that would help. Second call placed. He is to return call when he is back in his office.
Dean Harry Robinson	Meeting scheduled for July 21 at 9:00 a.m.
John H. Spencer, FAIA, ASLA	Meeting scheduled for July 28 at 11 a.m.
Prof. Richard Weinstein	Thinks he will be more effective on a later phase of the plan - a charrett or plans on phase II
Morgan Wheelock	Meeting scheduled for July 27 at 2 p.m.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA
1100 OHIO DRIVE, SW.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242

Director
White House Liaison

OCT 24 1995

Note to Debby Both:

Debby,

Just a note to provide an update on the Pennsylvania Avenue project. We will be providing you with a regular status report in the future. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Jim McDaniel
ebd

Jim McDaniel

Enclosure

Spoke w Jodie 11/2/95 - she's handling it...

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT THE WHITE HOUSE
National Park Service

STATUS REPORT: October 1995

CLOSINGS

- NPS costs for assistance, requested by U.S. Secret Service, have been reimbursed in the amount of \$49,996.85.

<u>Recap</u>	Expended by NPS	\$49,996.85
	Reimbursed	<u>49,996.85</u>
	Balance	\$ -0-

- NPS continues to maintain planters installed at U.S. Secret Service checkpoints.

PHASE I - INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS

Highlights

- Contract awarded by NPS to Quality Environment Company, Inc., on September 29 in amount of \$203,000 to manufacture 30 rectangular and 85 round planters of various sizes. Delivery expected by November 16, 1995. The subcontractor has raised concerns with ability to meet the delivery date. NPS has written to contractor reaffirming our expectation that the delivery date will be met (copy of letter attached).
- Discussions with American Association of Nurserymen continued. NPS offered to pick up first \$15,000 of the \$65,000 worth of plant material in order to move negotiation forward.
- Scaled drawings of site plan provided to U.S. Navy as discussions continue on possible participation of Sea Bee's. No commitment yet.
- Meeting with District of Columbia Department of Public Works on October 10 to discuss issuance of a Public Space Permit to allow construction on Pennsylvania Avenue. DC advises that they will require 6 to 8 weeks after receiving 100% plans and specifications to process the permit.
- Following approval of concept plan September 18, detailed design has begun. NPS is accomplishing the design inhouse at its expense.
- On September 27, Mrs. Clinton was briefed by Director Kennedy.
- Director Kennedy held a press conference on September 29 announcing the project to the public. (Clippings attached.)
- Procurement of hydraulic barriers and guardbooths is ready to proceed, pending funding from U.S. Secret Service.

Budget Recap

Phase I (Pennsylvania Avenue only)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Funded</u>
<u>National Park Service</u>		
Mobilization/site work	\$ 16,920	
Planters	203,000	\$203,000
Directory	15,000	
Landscaping	15,000	
Design/Contract Admin.	18,744	¹
Subtotal	\$ 268,664	\$203,000
<u>Secret Service</u>		
Mobilization	\$ 8,050	
Guardhouses	80,000	
Vehicle Barriers	70,000	
Utilities	34,100	
Design/Contract Admin.	14,411	
Subtotal	\$ 206,561²	
<u>Donations</u>		
Landscaping	\$ 50,000	
Expert Consultation	457	\$ 457
Subtotal	\$ 50,457	\$ 457
<u>Unidentified Fund Sources</u>		
State Place	350,000	
Penn. Ave. Center Section	718,000	
Subtotal	\$1,068,000	
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,593,682	\$203,457

¹Project design and contract administration is absorbed in NPS base budget to cover personnel salaries.

²Secret Service has requested three additional guardhouses and vehicular gates for future installation. Additional cost would be \$309,842.

Schedule Recap

Planters:

09/30/95	Contract awarded
11/16/95	Planters to be delivered

*Vehicle Barriers:

10/23/95	Solicit bids (30 days)
11/23/95	Award contract (30 days)
01/23/96	Complete fabrication (60 days)
02/15/96	Deliver barriers

*Guardhouses:

10/23/95	Solicit bids (30 days)
11/27/95	Award contract (30 days)
01/27/96	Complete fabrication (60 days)
02/15/96	Deliver guardhouses

*Landscaping:

11/16/95	Planters arrive
12/01/95	Complete planting

*Directories:

10/23/95	Solicit bids (30 days)
11/27/95	Award contract
12/29/95	Complete fabrication (30 days)

Construction Documents:

- Fabricated items
- Directories - complete
- Guardhouses - awaiting USSS review and approval
- Vehicle barrier - awaiting USSS review and approval

*Roadway construction:

10/23/95	Begin documents
12/04/95	Complete documents
01/15/96	Approval by D.C. Department of Public Works & permit issued
12/15/95	Announce in Commerce Business Daily (30 days)
01/15/96	Solicit bids (30 days)
02/15/96	Award contract (30 days)
03/01/96	Begin construction

***All dates are based upon full funding being available immediately. To date only funding to place the order for planters has been made available.**

PHASE II - PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

Highlights

- During the September 29 news conference Director Kennedy announced the start of the public dialogue and involvement in developing the permanent design for Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Newsletters on the permanent design for the avenue with response sheets have been sent to 5,000 individuals and organizations. The newsletter and response sheet are also available on Internet thanks to help from the White House Office of Science and Technology.
- A flyer for professional organizations and students has been distributed through associations and organizations. The flyer and site materials are available on Internet.
- A reception for neighboring businesses and entities was held Monday, October 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the White House Visitors Center. Refreshments were provided courtesy of the White House Historical Association. Attendees had the opportunity to write, draw, and videotape their ideas for the avenue.
- Public Open Houses were held on October 17 and 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the White House Visitors Center. The open houses provided an opportunity for people to give their ideas on the future of Pennsylvania Avenue through drawing, writing, and videotaping. Members of the planning team were available to discuss the project with the public. There was good media coverage of the open houses by a number of local television and radio stations, and one national syndicated television service.
- Invitations were issued on October 13 to participants for the December 11-15 Design Charette.

Budget Recap

FY 1995

U.S. Secret Service funding:	Approx. \$220,000**
Donations (WHHA)	\$ 1,800 (public forum)

**The final amount of USSS funding expended is pending FY 1995 closeout. The USSS expects reimbursement for these funds in FY 1996 if funding is provided to the NPS for the permanent Pennsylvania Avenue Design.

FY 1996

Funding in the amount of \$498,000 is needed to fund the permanent design through the environmental assessment phase. In addition \$220,000 is needed to reimburse the USSS funding spent in FY 1995. Congress has placed language in the FY 1996 NPS appropriations bill which requires congressional approval before any NPS planning, design and construction funds are spent on this project.

Schedule Recap

09/29/95	News conference announcing start of public dialogue on permanent design for Pennsylvania Avenue
10/16/95	Preview reception for neighbor businesses and organizations prior to public open houses at the White House Visitors Center.
10/17-18/95	Public Open Houses to gather public written, drawn, or videotaped ideas and suggestions regarding the Pennsylvania Avenue area.
11/95	Background materials and public involvement summary provided to charette participants.
12/11-15/95	Design Ideas Charette, White House Conference Center, Washington, D.C.
1/96 - 2/96	Development and assessment of concepts
3/96	Identification of preferred concept and presentation of alternatives
4/96	Public review of concepts
5/96 - 12/96	Development of design

October 13, 1995

CURE NOTICE

Mr. Howard Murrell, Jr.
Quality Environment Company, Inc.
904 Corporate Lane
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Mr. Murrell:

Please refer to Contract No. 1443CX300095085 for supplying precast concrete planters for use by the National Park Service at President's Park, Washington DC. October 16 marks the 14th day of this contract which is to be completed within 45 calendar days. With 31 % of the contract performance period having expired, we have yet to receive a satisfactory shop drawing for the round planters and have not received any shop drawings for the rectangular planters. Additionally, you have not submitted a proposed mix design or sample panel for the rectangular planters. The sample exposed aggregate panel which you must match has not even been viewed as of yet by you or your subcontractor.

At this time, your failure to make sufficient progress is considered to be endangering the timely performance of this contract and it appears unlikely that you will be able to complete this contract within the contract period. Accordingly, you are hereby directed to correct your performance and to affirm in writing your intent to meet the contract completion date, along with the procedures you will utilize to meet this date.

This matter warrants your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

(SGD.) THOMAS M. McCONNELL

Thomas M. McConnell
Chief, Division of Contracting
Contracting Officer

Cityscape

Caution! Construction Ahead

For Pennsylvania Ave., A Redesign Speed Limit

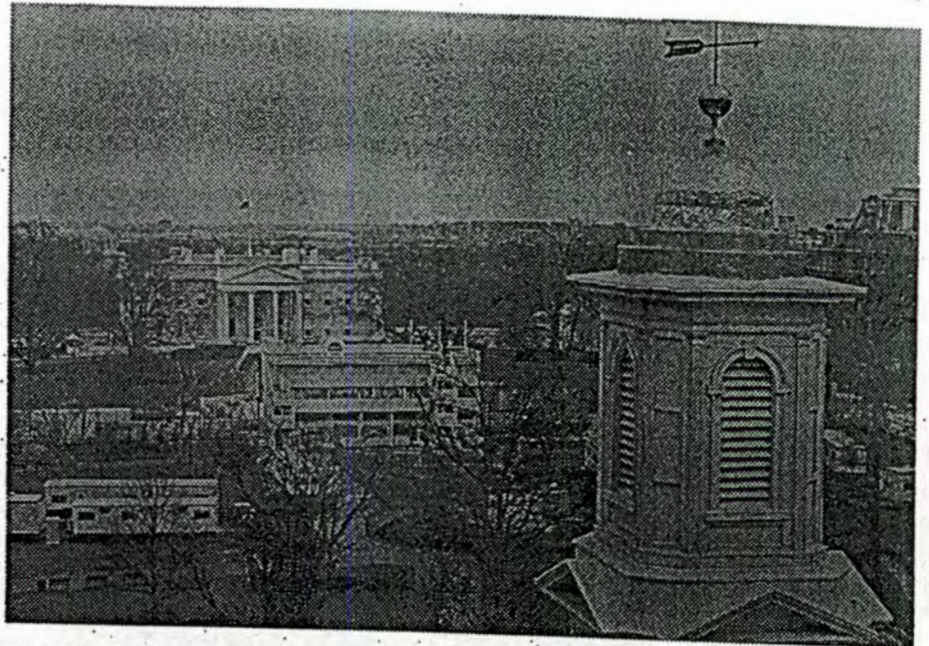
By Benjamin Forgey
Washington Post Staff Writer

Keep it simple. That's perhaps the most important thought to bear in mind as the process begins in earnest to redesign the empty area in front of the White House that was once bustling Pennsylvania Avenue.

There are other key slogans: Make haste slowly. Remember the Avenue. Remember the White House, and the city. This is an opportunity, not a problem.

But keeping it simple is guide No. 1. It is an antidote to the hysteria of big ideas that broke out after the avenue was suddenly closed for security reasons in May. Obliterate the avenue, some suggested, by expanding Lafayette Park. Or make the space a memorial to this person or that cause. Or launch a national design competition.

Six weeks later, it's clear that the open space in front of the president's house is



Rush hour on Pennsylvania Avenue? President Clinton wants the now-closed street gussied up in time for the next inauguration and favors keeping the traditional parade route. Shown here are the White House and the presidential reviewing stand for the 1989 inauguration in a view across Lafayette Square from St. John's church.

an inappropriate location for experimentation on a grand scale. The starting point of any design is to pay close attention to what already is there: a house, a park and a street. These three parts need to be tied together in an elegant composition. That's the job.

Of course, simple doesn't necessarily mean easy. Some hard, basic decisions have to be made before a designer can get on with the job. And simple does *not* imply that the new design would lack richness,

subtlety and strength. To the contrary, these qualities are the goal.

Keeping it simple means that we shouldn't jump through hoops we don't have to jump through. An open design competition is one of these unnecessary hoops. It might produce the desired result. But more likely, it would create controversy and confusion, and gum up the works for months, possibly years.

The idea of such a competition has a certain surface appeal. It sounds so demo-

See CITYSCAPE, F2, Col. 1

Avenues of Approach

CITYSCAPE, From F1

cratic and fair. Yet a competition is inherently chancy. The most qualified talents often don't enter for fear of losing or wasting time. And a lot depends on the jury—there's no certainty that the most appropriate design will win. Then you're stuck with the winner, and all sorts of complications ensue.

Most important, an open competition encourages just the sort of high-flying originality that is not wanted here. Architects, landscape architects and artists are naturally enticed, and often led astray, by the challenge of starting over, of treating even hallowed ground as a blank slate.

This is the opposite of what's needed in front of the nation's primary residence. Which brings to mind the other mottoes for this endeavor. Let's take them in order.

• Make haste, slowly. The president, according to White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, has asked that a "long-term design" be "completed and constructed" by the next inauguration. He also requested that an "interim beautification"—that is, a tidying of the ugly mess created by those Jersey barriers—be in place by this September.

• Leaving aside the short-term goal, the question is: Can it be done in 19 months? Only if everything were to fall perfectly into place. This is highly improbable—impossible, if there's an open competition. (You have to make the rules, publish them widely and allow competitors a reasonable time—six months, say—to enter. Then comes the judging, and then the mandatory federal and local reviews.)

• And should it be done in such a rush? Probably not. True, you don't want this project to get lost in the Washington shuffle. Landscape architect Joseph Brown has had plenty of experience with the government design system; with colleagues at the national firm EDAA, he designed the Signers' Memorial in Constitution Gardens. He says he has "an allergic reaction to taking longer in Washington, because longer means maybe never, or it means 10 or 12 years." But it's a mistake to push too hard. January 1997 may be a politically compelling date, but in terms of design, it's arbitrary.

• This should be kept in mind, especially by the White House, for today's decisions will affect the city for generations. It's encouraging that responsibility has been turned over to the National Park Service. For one thing its director, Roger Kennedy, is a design-sensitive bureaucrat. And for the past three years, the Park Service has been leading a multi-agency study of the White House area. This new mandate fits right in—except for the extraordi-

nary time pressure: Kennedy was told to come up with cost estimates and so forth by mid-July.

Decisions need to be made fast, but not too fast. They must be the *right* decisions. Of course these are judgment calls, and judgments will differ. But the site itself offers strong guidance—which is why we say: Remember the Avenue.

Two fundamentally different approaches to Pennsylvania Avenue emerged immediately after the Treasury Department closed the street on May 20. Drawings released at the time showed the opposite treatments. One (by Mark Bunnell) literally eliminated the section of the avenue by extending southward the trees and curving walkways of Lafayette Square. The other (by John Carl Warnecke, who had initially proposed closing this section of the avenue more than three decades ago, during the Kennedy administration) showed a sort of residual boulevard, with fountains and formal plantings in the middle.

Fortunately, there's not much—if any—question about which is the right way to go. Keeping the street, in some form, must be the first principle of any design.

Why? Practical considerations, in the first place. Reasonable access must be maintained for emergency vehicles. The lanes also should be kept open for buses, which represent a minimal security threat. Allowing buses to pass along the avenue would lighten traffic on nearby streets. And it would do something to enliven the place, to give it a sense of city life. Tour buses—or, as Brown suggests, an "improved level of public transportation for tourists"—would be able to make the front of the White House a regular stop.

Then there is the inaugural parade. It's a fine tradition to place the presi-

dential reviewing stand in front of the White House. Should we then alter the parade route and sneak by the back door? Obviously not. The Clinton White House, to its credit, favors the traditional route.

Before there was a White House there was, of course, a bold plan for the capital city. In Pierre L'Enfant's vision, the president's mansion and its grounds were to be unified. In his concept, there was no avenue between 15th and 17th streets NW, and there was no separate Lafayette Square.

But even in the earliest days, says Patrick O'Brien, a historian with the Park Service, there were very likely paths across the presidential grounds. "People were living in Georgetown and traveling to Capitol Hill and back," he notes. "This was a very large piece of property, and they weren't always willing to go around it." By the early 1820s, there was an established right of way, and the White House, the avenue and the park began to take on their separate identities.

This history of both consistency and change could provide a philosophical basis for a new, improved design. James Urban, who created the new plaza surrounding the Hirshhorn Museum, points out that historical layering is the idea behind what might be called a "new humanism" in landscape architecture. Just as responsible architects, when designing a building for a city, take a close look at everything around its site, landscape architects now analyze a site's past for clues to its new structure. Again, it's White House, avenue, park—separate but indivisible.

Hence, the next slogan—Remember the White House—might seem totally unnecessary, except that even very smart people sometimes forget the obvious. The talk of making the new White House plaza into a memori-

al is stark evidence of this fallibility. The White House is the memorial, the focus, of this site. Its centrality might be subtly enhanced in a new design, but it shouldn't be altered. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Remembering the city might seem like a much-abused piety. These days, when someone on the federal side swears friendship for the District, wise Washingtonians hold tightly to their wallets and purses. But we should repeat the slogan like a mantra, because the Pennsylvania Avenue closing has unleashed a sort of separatist movement on the part of the federal government—every agency wants its own wall, moat and drawbridge. In terms of actual design, this motto stresses integration rather than segregation.

Landscape architect Brown offers a final, optimistic, guideline: "It's an opportunity, not a problem." This is true. A fine new democratic space can be made in front of the president's house. And it won't be necessary to reinvent the wheel to do it.

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Greening of Pennsylvania Ave. *Closed Section to Get Grass Median for Now*

By Stephen C. Fehr
Washington Post Staff Writer

After abruptly closing Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, the Clinton administration is making a modest effort to beautify the two-block area by planting grass in the middle of the street.

The plan, to be announced today by National Park Service officials, stops short of earlier, more ambitious plans to embellish the section between 15th and 17th streets NW with fountains, benches, trees and even an underground tunnel for traffic.

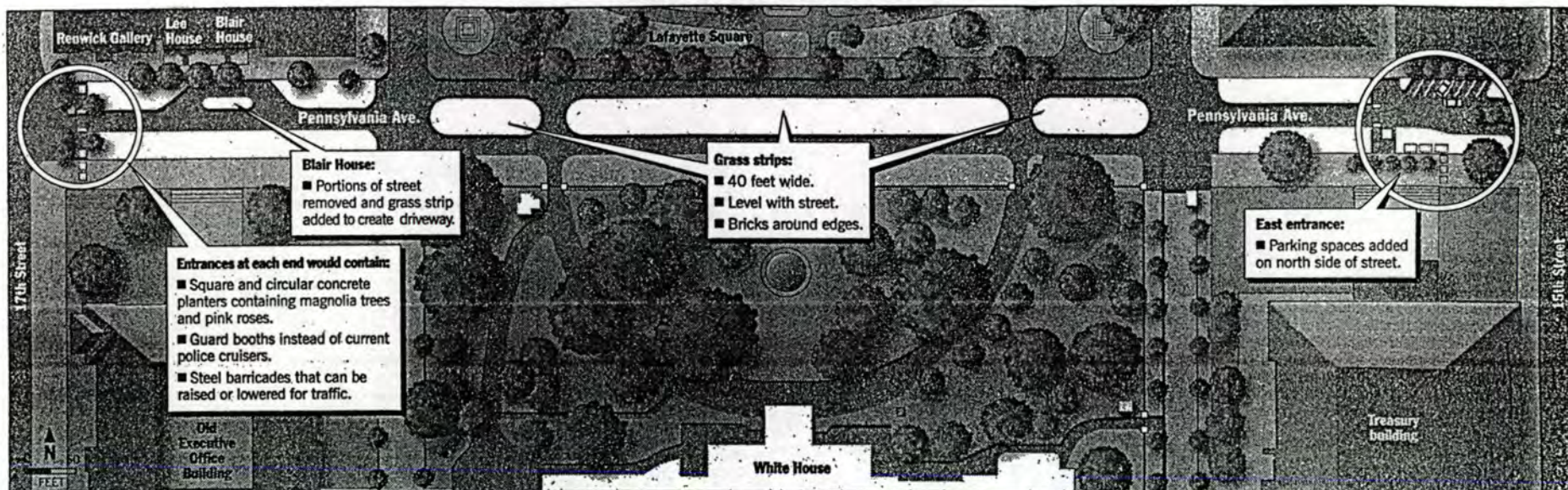
But Park Service officials say the simple, \$700,000 plan is only a temporary solution, for the next few years, until a more expensive, permanent design is selected.

"We didn't want this to make much of a statement and presuppose a long-term solution," said James L. McDaniel, the Park Service's liaison to the White House. "The whole idea was to keep it neutral, a little less of an asphalt landing strip, yet not assuming this would be the final plan. That needs to be done in a more thoughtful way."

Under the interim plan, to be put

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PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE PLAN



BY LAURA STANTON—THE WASHINGTON POST

Grass Median at Center of Stopgap Plan to Beautify Avenue Near White House

AVENUE, From A1

in place by the end of November, the asphalt in the middle of Pennsylvania in front of the White House will be replaced with 40-foot-wide strips of grass to make the street more inviting to pedestrians. The street was closed in May because of fears that terrorists could use a truck bomb to damage the White House.

The grassy area is supposed to make the street blend in better with the North Lawn of the White House and Lafayette Square. Asphalt lanes on either side of the grassy median will allow authorized vehicles to travel through the area, including those taking part in the Inaugural Parade.

It will take at least two years before permanent changes are completed along Pennsylvania Avenue and surrounding streets, officials said. Park Service officials rejected the idea of a national design competition, deciding that a panel of nationally known archi-

tects and planners will meet in December to propose several options that will become part of an environmental impact review. A final design could be ready as soon as January 1997.

At President Clinton's insistence, Park Service officials said, the public will be asked for their ideas before the panel's December meeting. Letters went out today to 5,000 planners, architects and others asking for their thoughts. A public forum is scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18 at the White House Visitors Center.

Until a permanent plan is approved, Washington will have to live with the interim plan, which was developed by the Park Service and a panel of 11 local and national architects. Their goal was to keep the street simple, with a grand space in the middle to break up the asphalt and "foyers" at the 15th and 17th street entrances to the avenue, instead of an abrupt barricade.

"My interest was to make it as subtle as

possible, a pedestrian area," said Harry G. Robinson III, dean of Howard University's architecture school and member of the architectural panel. "There needed to be a soft

"There needed to be a soft connecting seam with the North Lawn and Lafayette Park."

—Harry G. Robinson III,
dean of Howard University architecture school

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Instead of a raised median, the grassy sections will be level with the street, with bricks around the edges. That way, officials said, a

person looking down the street from either end will not see an ugly mass of asphalt.

"We wanted to break it up, create some relief," McDaniel said.

The makeshift concrete planters and barriers blocking off Pennsylvania at 15th and 17th streets NW will be replaced by more attractive square and circular planters containing magnolia trees and pink roses. The concrete planters will be painted a neutral beige.

Guard booths at each end of the street will substitute for the police cruisers now parked there to intercept traffic. At the checkpoints, there will be steel barricades that move up and down when a vehicle goes through.

In front of Blair House, sections of the street will be removed and replaced with grass to set off a driveway there. A series of concrete posts on the sidewalk in front of the White House, criticized by some architects as creating a fortress effect, will remain for now.

The plan offers no ideas on how to deal

with the concrete barriers that mar the sidewalk north of Lafayette Square along H Street NW other than to paint them a color, other than white. Metrobuses will continue to use Madison Place NW.

Later this year, officials will decide on improvements for the closed part of State Place and Executive Avenue south of the White House. It is possible, McDaniel said, for changes to be made to State Place that would allow two-way traffic again on E Street, which is one-way eastbound now.

The temporary plan could cost more than \$1 million before it is completed, officials said. The Park Service is seeking private donations to lower the cost to the government.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For updates throughout the day when the official announcement is made, see Digital Ink, The Post's on-line service. To learn about Digital Ink, call 1-800-510-5104, Ext. 9000.

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A Touch of Grass

On Pennsylvania Ave., a Step in the Right Direction

By Benjamin Forgey
Washington Post Staff Writer

The temporary fixes announced yesterday for the blocked-off segment of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House are modest and, as far as they go, nice.

Calm-colored concrete planters—beige-ish bowls and boxes—will replace the Jersey barriers that were hurriedly dropped into place last May when President Clinton ordered the street to be closed. They will be an improvement. They'll perform the same security function but will be more attractive and orderly. They'll bring a bit of dignity to an undignified situation.

Ditto the formal beds of grass that will be planted on the avenue—on its outer edges near 15th and 17th streets, and in the middle facing the president's house. They'll be better than the sad, broad, empty swath of asphalt. They'll add a touch of park to a once-busy street and can be easily removed when the time comes. They will not be obstacles to the avenue's future, whatever that may be.

The only thing really wrong with the \$700,000 fix is that it doesn't extend far enough. The reason, I suppose, is economy. The likely result is that the northern border of Lafayette Square and the plot of green south of the Old

See CITYSCAPE, D5, Col. 1

Improving Clinton's Vistas

CITYSCAPE, From D1

Executive Office Building—at State Place, 17th and E streets—will continue to look, with their barriers and police cruisers, rather like wartime zones. (An official of the National Park Service did say, however, that additional money may be spent to clean up a couple of the messier intersections.)

And that's that. Enough said. These are reasonable, mild, impermanent gestures. The critical question is what comes next.

The White House last summer gave overall design responsibility to the Park Service, which for several years has been heading a comprehensive reconception of the whole of the President's Park, extending from Constitution Avenue on the south to Lafayette Square on the north. The first part of the new job—to come up with a plan for the avenue's "interim beautification"—is now done. The second, harder part is just beginning.

It is, as Park Service director Roger Kennedy said, "the opportunity not of a lifetime but of sets of lifetimes to review the circumstances of approaching the presidential residence."

Consulting with a dozen or so federal agencies directly involved in the White House area, District officials and interested parties on Capitol Hill, Kennedy came up with a three-stage process leading to a final design. The intention is to produce such a design by January 1997—doubtless a disappointment to Clinton, who said he wanted the whole thing *built* by then, but perhaps more in keeping with the realities of design in the capital city.

The three stages of the process might be called the public, the professional and the bureaucratic. The public part begins with a mailing of about 5,000 circulars soliciting ideas from individuals who have expressed an interest in the issue via letters, telephone calls, what have you. Similar solicitations will be sent to design and architecture schools. And from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 17 and 18, there will a public "open house for ideas" at the White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

The ideas, thoughts, feelings, sketches and such from phase 1 will be provided to about a dozen yet-to-be-named professionals—architects, landscape architects, urban designers, historians, artists—who will get together in December for a "design charette." Named after the type of cart used to collect students' drawings for major design projects at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, a charette is essentially an intense brainstorming session lasting several days.

The goal, a Park Service official says, is to emerge with "two or three" different design concepts—consideration of alternative designs being a requirement of federal environmental regulations. These concepts then will be evaluated by the Park Service, the White House and representatives of other agencies with ties to the area. Obviously, this is the bureaucratic stage.

On its face this is a cumbersome process, although the danger of bureaucratic strangulation probably is more apparent than real. It is a way of making sure that the long list of people and groups with legitimate interests in the matter will be heard. And it guarantees a high level of public scrutiny and debate. After all, we'll have much of next year to yell and scream, or clap and cheer, about the alternative designs. There may even be time for a consensus to emerge about what's best.

It is a bit troubling that the issue of design guidelines has not been faced directly. No one is being told flat out, for instance, that Pennsylvania Avenue cannot be eliminated altogether. Nor is anyone being encouraged to find ways to reopen it to crosstown traffic.

But there is plenty of food for the thoughtful in the list of "guiding principles" compiled for the comprehensive plan of the President's Park. These require respect for the site's history and what's already there, consideration for historic vistas such as the 16th Street axis to the White House, and complementary building and plant materials. They conclude: "Neither security nor aesthetics will be compromised"—the very nut of the problem.

In other words, there is room for excitement and discovery—what Kennedy calls "genius"—if it is applied with true sensitivity and skill. The design is a thrilling challenge in which we all have a stake. A splendid new foreground to this centerpiece of the democracy would be a most satisfying prelude to the beginning of a new millennium.



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FROM:

Ann Bowman SmithProject CoordinatorComprehensive Design Plan for the White House

SUBJECT:

Pennsylvania Avenue Design ProjectCharlotte - Dec 11-15, 1995

COMMENTS:

Debbie This is being mailed today, but thought you would like an advance copy.

Please call if you have any questions (219-1007).
It was good to see you again - at the White House Historical Association reception.

Ann Smith

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Memorandum

To: Members, Executive Committee, Pennsylvania Avenue Design Project

From: Chairman, Executive Committee, Pennsylvania Avenue Design Project

Subject: Design Charette - December 12-15, 1995

The Design Charette to develop concepts for the permanent design of Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House will be held December 12-15, 1995. A small group of some of our Nation's best architects, landscape architects, historians, preservationists, urban planners and others will gather to develop an "Ideas Portfolio" of concepts. The concepts will address Pennsylvania Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets as well as the perimeter of Lafayette Park.

A list of people who have accepted the invitation to participate in the charette is attached. Also included for your information is a charette schedule. Under separate cover, you should already have received a letter of invitation to an appreciation dinner for the charette participants on the evening of December 14.

During the week, Executive Committee members are invited to stop by and observe the charette sessions on December 12-14. The working sessions for the charette are taking place at the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, N.W. Due to space constraints, and so we may accommodate as many as possible, please let Ann Smith (202/219-1007) know the day and time of your visit.

Committee members and staff are invited to attend the press conference on Friday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m., in the John Hay Room at the Hay-Adams Hotel, One Lafayette Square, 16th and H Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The press conference will include presentation of the concepts developed by the charette participants.

Our Executive Committee can expect to meet early in 1996 to review the assessment of the concepts developed by the charette and to make a recommendation of a preferred design. This is an historic opportunity to address the design of public space having great meaning to people. I thank you for your continuing support and advice in this project.

Attachments 2

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT THE WHITE HOUSE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Charette Participant List
December 11-15, 1995

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Harry G. Robinson, III, FAIA
Interim Vice President for
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Ralph Appelbaum, Exhibits
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Director of Historic Preservation
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

David Childs, Architect
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New York, New York

Jonathan Fairbanks, Sculptor/Curator
Katharine Lane Weems Curator of
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Hardy, Holtzman Pfeiffer Associates
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PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

at
the WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DESIGN CHARETTE — DECEMBER 11 TO 15, 1995

Charette Agenda

Updated agendas will be available Monday afternoon.

Monday — December 11, 1995

Hotel Check-in:

Hay-Adams Hotel
One Lafayette Square, 16th and H Streets
Washington, D.C. 20006
Telephone 202-638-6600 FAX 202-393-0284

Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House: Welcome

English Afternoon Tea — 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Hay-Adams Hotel, Windsor Room

Information updates, a chance to meet other participants and staff.

Dinner for charette participants: 7:00 P.M.

At the home of Roger Kennedy, Director of the National Park Service.

Transportation will be provided.

Tuesday — December 12, 1995

Hay-Adams Hotel and White House Conference Center

Morning:

"What America Thinks" — 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Hay-Adams Hotel, Adams Room

A display of ideas, graphics and comments received from the public and professionals.

Briefings — 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Hay-Adams Hotel, Windsor Room

A breakfast buffet will be served during the briefings.

- Lafayette Park Area: John Carl Warneke — 9:15 A.M.
- L'Enfants Vision: Pamela Scott, L'Enfant Scholar — 10:00 A.M.
- Evolution of the Site: J. Carter Brown, Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts — 10:15 A.M.

Tours — 11:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

Project Site and White House Conference Center

Working Lunch: Additional Briefings — 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

White House Conference Center

726 Jackson Place

Washington, DC 20503

- Pennsylvania Avenue Interim Plan
- Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House
- Transportation Update

Afternoon:

Charette — 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

White House Conference Center, Truman Room

Evening:

Dinner on your own

The Windsor Room at the hotel will be open for use as a hospitality room.

Wednesday — December 13, 1995

White House Conference Center, Truman Room

- Morning: Charette — 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON.
- Working Lunch: 12:00 NOON — 2:00 P.M.
Informal user group assessment.
- Afternoon: Charette — 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Evening: Working Dinner — 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Location to be announced.

Thursday — December 14, 1995

White House Conference Center, Truman Room

- Morning: Charette — 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Continued generation of concept ideas.
- Working Lunch: 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Assessment and consolidation of ideas to include in portfolio.
- Afternoon: Press Conference Preparation — 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Evening: Thank You and Recognition Dinner:
Cocktails: 7:30 P.M. Dinner: 8:00 P.M.
Decatur House
748 Jackson Place, N.W.

Friday — December 15, 1995

Hay-Adams Hotel

- Morning: Breakfast for Staff and Participants: 8:00 A.M.
Windsor Room
- Press Conference: 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Location to be announced.
- Hotel check out: 12:00 NOON.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE DESIGN PROJECT
National Park Service
National Capital Area

STATUS REPORT: December 1, 1995

CLOSINGS

- Complete.
- The National Park Service (NPS) continues to maintain planters.

PHASE I - INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS

Highlights

- The subcontractor to Quality Environment Company, Inc., is continuing to manufacture the decorative planters. Partial shipment was received at our greenhouse facility on November 28. These first planters look very nice! We are continuing to work with the manufacturer on getting the aggregate finish on the larger vehicular planters approved as per the sample, and work out details on anchoring the lift hooks. The contractor is being assessed a daily penalty for failing to meet the November 15 delivery date.
- Discussions with American Association of Nurserymen continue. Association members are being canvassed to see what materials they can supply.
- We awarded a contract for 18 large magnolias to Halka Nurseries on November 13 in the amount of \$7,920.
- On October 30, U.S. Secret Service (USSS) authorized \$516,403 for the fabrication and installation of guardhouses and vehicular gates. Of this amount, \$206,561 is designated for construction in the Phase I Interim Plan. Plans and specifications are being finalized for contract award. We are awaiting final review comments from USSS to complete drawings.
- Final construction drawings are being completed for the Interim Plan. We anticipate having drawings completed on December 4. Drawings must then be submitted to the District of Columbia Department of Public Works (DCPW) for permits. We anticipate 6 to 8 weeks for DCPW review.
- A meeting with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), USSS, and NPS is scheduled for December 4 to discuss rerouting of Metro buses off Madison Place and Pennsylvania Avenue.

- The U.S. Navy has declined to participate in the construction of the center panels. We are exploring other potential sources of assistance.
- A meeting with a representative of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation took place on October 24 to discuss the Interim Plan. Drawings are to be submitted for approval. The NPS review team is working on compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
- The NPS has completed review of the Interim Plan for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 compliance. A finding of no significant impact was issued.

Budget Recap (Based upon revised estimate #2 of 7/20/95.)

Phase I (Pennsylvania Avenue only)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Funded</u>
<u>National Park Service</u>		
Mobilization/site work	16,920	
Planters	203,000	203,000
Directory	15,000	
Landscaping	15,000	7,920
Design/Contract Admin.	18,744	¹
Subtotal	268,664	210,920
 <u>Secret Service</u>		
Mobilization	8,050	8,050
Guardhouses	80,000	80,000
Vehicle Barriers	70,000	70,000
Utilities	34,100	34,100
Design/Contract Admin.	14,411	14,411
Subtotal	206,561	206,561
 <u>Donations</u>		
Landscaping	50,000	
Expert Consultation	457	457
Subtotal	50,457	457
 GRAND TOTAL	525,682	417,938

¹Project design and contract administration is absorbed in NPS base budget to cover personnel salaries.

Schedule Recap

Planters

09/30/95 Contract awarded
11/29/95 Partial order arrives
02/01/96 All planters to be delivered by this date

Vehicle barriers

12/01/95 Solicit bids (30 days)
01/05/96 Award contract (30 days)
03/05/96 Complete fabrication (60 days)
04/04/96 Deliver barriers

(Awaiting comments from USSS to complete drawings
and specifications.)

Guardhouses

12/01/95 Solicit bids (30 days)
01/05/96 Award contract (30 days)
03/05/96 Complete fabrication (60 days)
04/04/96 Deliver guardhouses

(Awaiting comments from USSS to complete drawings
and specifications.)

Landscaping

11/13/95 Order placed for magnolias
03/01/96 Complete planting

Directories

12/01/95 Solicit bids (30 days)
01/05/96 Award contract
02/05/96 Complete fabrication (30 days)

Roadway construction

10/23/95 Begin documents
12/04/95 Complete documents
01/15/95 Approval by DCPW & permit issued
12/15/95 Announce in Commerce Business Daily (30 days)
01/15/96 Solicit bids (30 days)
02/15/96 Award contract (30 days)
03/01/96 Begin construction

PHASE II - PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

Highlights

- During the October 1995 public involvement campaign, public ideas were solicited through:

Two days of public open houses held at the White House Visitor Center in Washington, D.C., where exhibits and planners were available. People were able to express their views on the avenue's design through writing, drawing and by videotaping their comments.

Mailing of a newsletter and response form to over 5,000 people whose names were on the mailing list for the Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House or who had expressed interest in the planning for Pennsylvania Avenue. The newsletter was also available on Internet via the White House home page.

A focused mailing and Internet address were made available to design, planning and preservation and history professionals, organizations and students. This solicitation asked for design ideas and provided a base map and design principles as well as the newsletter.

Colleges and universities in the Washington, D.C., area with design programs were contacted and visited to encourage their involvement.

A variety of media outlets which covered the planning project. A significant number of responses (40) were received as a result of one item included in the "Kiplinger Washington Newsletter."

- Some 350 response forms have been returned. About 80 percent of the response sheets contain written comments. A total of 5 hours of videotape interviews were recorded. Submissions are still being received as of November 27 from design professionals and students. In addition, schools doing design studios on Pennsylvania Avenue include: Parsons School of Design, University of the District of Columbia, Catholic University, University of Maryland, and George Washington University.
- A summary of the public involvement is being prepared. It is clear by the thoughtful responses that people care deeply and feel a great sense of ownership and stewardship for this area.

- The Design Ideas Charette will be held December 11 to 15 at the White House Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Mr. Harry Robinson has agreed to facilitate the charette. Mr. Robinson is an architect; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Howard University; an architect in The Robinson Group; and Vice Chair of The Commission of Fine Arts.
- Fourteen participants have accepted invitations to participate in the charette. They represent a wide variety of design and related disciplines. A list of the charette participants is attached. Please note that the names have not yet been made public.
- D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton has indicated she may submit the names of several individuals she would like included in the charette sessions. She sees the individuals as helping represent the neighborhood and the city.
- A background information package for charette participants has been developed and was mailed the week of November 27. The materials include an orientation video on the history of the avenue which includes the design opportunity before us and about a 15-minute cross-section of the public ideas and suggestions; Design Guidelines, Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House; Cultural Landscape Summary; Security History and Briefing; Summary of Public Comment and Ideas; base maps; the video "Within These Walls"; press clippings on the project and a video of Director Kennedy's news conference of September 29.

Budget Recap

Phase II

FY 1995

U.S. Secret Service Funding

Approx. \$220,000*

*The final amount of USSS funding is pending FY-1995 close out. The USSS expects reimbursement for these funds in FY-1996 if funding is provided to the NPS for the permanent Pennsylvania Avenue Design. The White House Historical Association has donated up to \$100,000 to support the December Design Charette, and a donation from the Cafritz Foundation is expected.

FY 1996

\$486,000 in funding is needed to fund the permanent design through the environmental assessment phase. In addition, \$220,000 is needed to reimburse the USSS funding spent in FY-95. Congress has placed language in the FY-1996 NPS appropriations bill which requires Congressional approval before any NPS planning, design and construction funds are spent on this project.

Schedule Recap

9/29/95	News conference announcing start of public dialogue on permanent design for Pennsylvania Avenue
10/16/95	Preview reception for neighbor businesses and organizations prior to public open houses at the White House Visitor Center
10/17-18/95	Public open houses to gather public written, drawn or videotaped ideas and suggestions regarding the Pennsylvania Avenue area
11/95	Background materials and public involvement summary provided to charette participants
12/11-15/95	Design Ideas Charette, White House Conference Center, Washington, D.C.
1/96 - 2/96	Development and assessment of concepts
3/96	Identification of preferred concept and presentation of alternatives
4/96	Public review of concepts
5/96 - 12/96	Development of design

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Implementation of White House Security Review Vehicular Traffic Restriction Recommendations

