Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) assessing the potential impacts of the General Management Plan (GMP) for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, San Francisco, California. Once approved, the plan will guide management of the park over the next 15 to 20 years.

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The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact the Commission at (202) 619-7097. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday September 23, 1997, at 9:30, at the National Building Museum, 1200 New York Avenue, NW. The document is available for review and public comment through September 30, 1997.

Copies may be requested by calling the National Park Service, White House Liaison, at (202) 619-6344 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written requests may be sent to 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 344, Washington, D.C. 20242.


Holly Bundock,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Announcement: Availability of Environmental Assessment for the Southside Barrier Project

The National Park Service, at the request of the Department of the Treasury, has prepared an Environmental Assessment for a construction project to replace temporary security barriers around the south side of the White House. The document is available for review and public comment through September 30, 1997. Copies may be requested by calling the National Park Service, White House Liaison, at (202) 619-6344 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written requests may be sent to 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 344, Washington, D.C. 20242.


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Deputy Director, White House Liaison.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

National Capital Region; National Capital Memorial Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Commission will be held on Tuesday September 23, 1997, at 1:30, at the National Building Museum, Room 312, 5th and F Streets, NW.

The Commission was established by Pub. L. 99-952, the Commemorative Works Act, for the purpose of preparing and recommending to the Secretary of the Interior; Administrator, General Services Administration; and Members of Congress 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 statutes.

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Joseph M. Mawler,
Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park Meeting

Agenda for the September 24, 1997 public meeting for the Advisory Commission for the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, Fort Mason Center, Building F, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

10:00 AM
Welcome—Neil Chaitin, Chairman

Opening Remarks—Neil Chaitin, Chairman; William G. Thomas, Superintendent

Approval of Minutes—June 11, 1997 meeting
10:15 AM
Update—Haslett Warehouse, William G. Thomas, Superintendent
10:30 AM
Update—General Management Plan, William G. Thomas
10:45 AM
Status—Space needs/Presidio, William G. Thomas
11:15 AM
Status—Ship Preservation Update, Wayne Boykin and Staff
11:45 AM
WAPAMA—Status of Alarm System/Telephone Lines, Marc Hayman, Chief IRM
11:55 AM
Public comments and questions
12:00 PM
Agenda items/Date for next meeting
Jeanne Haugh, Superintendent.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory in the Possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory in the possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Devil’s Lake Sioux Tribe, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

In 1867, human remains representing three individuals were removed from Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory by U.S. Army Surgeon Charles C. Gray and Acting Assistant Surgeon Washington Matthews on behalf of the Smithsonian