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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: October 2, 2017

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a motion to (i) release Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) erase Verbatim Recordings in accordance with The Open Meetings Act (the “Act”) and the District’s Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Records (the “Policy”), as provided in Exhibit 1, attached.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Communication, Education & Outreach

FINANCIAL DATA: No impact.

BACKGROUND: The Planning Committee maintains written minutes of its open and closed meetings in the manner required of all public bodies under the Act. The Committee also retains verbatim recordings of closed meetings as required by the Act.

Under the Act and the Policy, not less than twice each year, the Committee meets in closed session to review its closed meeting minutes to determine if they are eligible for release to the public. In its review, the Committee, with the benefit of staff’s recommendation, determines if the minutes contain information that continues to require confidential treatment. If written minutes, or portions thereof, require confidential treatment to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual, they shall not be released. If the minutes no longer require confidential treatment, they are made available for public inspection.

Also, the Act and the Policy require that the Committee meet not less than twice a year to review a list of verbatim recordings of all closed meetings for which minutes have been prepared and that occurred 18 months previously, to determine if the recordings should be retained, released, erased, or destroyed. Under the Act, a verbatim recording of a closed session may be destroyed or erased only if (i) minutes for that closed session have been prepared and approved and (ii) at least at least 18 months have passed since the closed session.

The Committee met in closed session on August 28, 2017 to consider the release of its closed session minutes and the retention or erasure of verbatim recordings. Exhibit 1 identifies the minutes to be released and the verbatim recordings to be erased based on those considerations.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Board Secretary, Chief Operations Officer, Corporate Counsel

Motion to (i) approve release of Closed Session Minutes, as provided in Exhibit 1, (ii) find that the minutes (or portions) released no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection, and (iii) find that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all other closed session minutes (or portions) that have been not been released.

APPROVED:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

EXHIBIT 1

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES TO BE RELEASED:

None

VERBATIM RECORDINGS OF CLOSED SESSIONS TO BE ERASED:

October 05, 2015
November 02, 2015
November 30, 2015
January 04, 2016
February 01, 2016