EXPEDITED  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 16501 Noorwood Rd.  
Meeting Date: 1/25/17

Resource: Woodlawn  
Master Plan Site  
Report Date: 1/18/17

Review: HAWP  
Public Notice: 1/1/17

Case Number: 28/14-17A  
Tax Credit: None

Applicant: MNCPPC – Mont. Co. Parks  
Staff: Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Fence Installation

Recommendation: Approve

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Individually Listed Master Plan Site
STYLE: Federal
DATE: c.1806-1919

PROPOSAL:

At the edge of the historic site and the adjacent Park Police compound, the applicant is proposing the installation of a four foot (4’) automatic gate. The gate is constructed of two panels that would swing into the police compound. The gate design has a simple, mostly transparent appearance which will be operated using a pad on a pole installed adjacent to the gate.

The project will have no effect on any of the historic resources at Woodlawn and will only be visible to those entering the police compound.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

__X__Approval
_____ Approval with conditions.

Approval is based on the following criteria from Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, Section 8(b): The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

__x__1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site, or historic resource within an historic district; or

__x__2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site, or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or

_____3. The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site, or historic resource located within an historic district, in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located, or

__x__4. The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or

_____5. The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or

_____6. In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site, or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301/563-3400
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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Tax Account No.: 
Name of Property Owner: MNCPC - Nat Co. Parks
Daytime Phone No.: 301-650-4390
Address: 9600 American Ave, Silver Spring, 20901

Contractor: Nat Co. Parks
Phone No.: 
Contractor Registration No.: 
Agent for Owner: Julie Mueller
Daytime Phone No.: 301-650-4390

LOCATION OF BUILDING-SHED:
House Number: 116501
Street: Norwood Rd.
Town/City: Silver Spring
Nearest Cross Street: Ednor
Lot: 
Block: 
Subdivision: 
Lib: 4727 Folio: 301
Parcel: 1 (N70)

PART I: REPRESENTATION

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE
☐ Construct ☐ Extend ☐ Alter/Renovate ☐ Additions ☐ Pergola ☐ Deck ☐ Shed
☐ Ideas ☐ Install ☐ Decorative ☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Woodburning Stove ☐ Single Family
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐ Fence/Wall (excludes Section 4) ☐ Other: Gate

18. Construction cost estimate: $ TBD

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved permit, see Permit #

PART II: GATE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXISTING CONSTRUCTION

2A. Type of savings device: 01 ☐ WSSC 02 ☐ Septic 03 ☐ Other:

2B. Type of water supply: 01 ☐ WSSC 02 ☐ Well 03 ☐ Other:

PART III: COMPLETE ONLY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WALL - Gate

3A. Height: 4 ft. 6 in.

3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:
☐ On property line/property line ☐ Entirely on land of owner ☐ On public right of way/avenue

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Date: 

Approved: 

For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Disapproved: 

Signature: 

Date: 

Application/Permit No.: 

Date Filed: 

Date Issued: 

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS
1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

a. Description of existing structural and environmental setting, including historic features and significance. The 105-acre historic environmental setting of the Woodlawn Cultural Special Park includes a historic core group of buildings, a modern grouping of structures which support the Park Police, open fields, and woods. The historic portion of the property carries a period of significance from c. 1806-1919, per the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form. The grounds immediately around the manor house include significant mature trees and a mid-20th century boxwood garden, a 1950s three-car garage, a 2010 tent-pad, and the historic entry driveway from Norwood Road. There are several non-contributing sheds, small storage buildings, and parking lots within the environmental setting.

East of and down slope from the historic core are modern buildings belonging to the Montgomery County Park Police Special Operations Division and the Montgomery County Aviation Division. This non-historic core includes a one-story park police office building, concrete block stables, a large pre-fabricated metal storage building, several small metal storage buildings, an outdoor riding ring, prefabricated wooden run-in sheds in the fields, hay storage facility, and multiple parking areas along driveways adjacent to buildings. Further to the east, near the woods, is a large two-story Butler building and helicopter pad.

Today the historic house and grounds are managed through the Cultural Resources Stewardship Section (CRSS), the Parks Enterprise Division, and the Northern Region. The grounds surrounding the house are used seasonally for weddings and special events. CRSS manages the new Woodlawn Barn Visitors Center located in the historic stone barn and carriage house, and interpretative hikes on the Underground Railroad Experience Trail that originate on the property. The police facilities are occupied and used daily.

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resources and environmental setting. Since the opening of the Woodlawn Visitors Center in June 2016, visitor-ship at this property has increased significantly. Despite signage that directs visitors away from the Park Police compound, both pedestrians and vehicular traffic coming up the driveway from the Ednor Road enter the area regularly, creating multiple daily disruptions for the staff and putting visitors and Park Police horses in dangerous situations. To discourage park users from entering the compound, Park Police would like to install an automatic gate directly in front of the entrance to their compound. The proposed design (attached) is the Aberdeen double swing style AD-1 (highlighted on the attached page). This style was selected for its simple design, relatively transparent appearance, and low height. The gate is composed of two 4-foot-high panels that would swing into the compound after being electronically activated. A small pole with an activation pad would be installed immediately outside the gate at car-window height.

The project will have no adverse effect on the historic resources at Woodlawn. The undertaking will not diminish the integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association. There will be no loss of integrity or damage to trees and their root systems. The addition of the gate will allow the police staff and horses to not be disturbed by the increased tourist activity at the site.
2. SITE PLAN: see attached

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS: see attached

4. MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS:

The swing gate frames are galvanized steel tubing. ASTM A78, of structural steel having a 45,000 psi (310 MPa) tensile strength and a G90 [0.9 oz./ft² zinc coating. Members welded with stainless steel rods, forming a rigid one piece unit. Vertical upright members 2”-square 13ga. metal thickness. For the gate leaves, the horizontal rails are “U” channels, formed of hot rolled, structural steel 13/8” wide by 1½” high, 11 gauge [0.120"] metal thicknesses. Hinges have a load capacity of 1,000 pounds and allow gate leaf to swing 180 degrees. The posts are 3” square.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS: see attached

6. TREE SURVEY: N/A

7. ADDRESS OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

Norwood Road, Sandy Spring MD 20905
1021, 16923, 16700, 16650

Ednor Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20905
105, 109, 111, 121, 211, 219

16425 Snowdens Woods Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20905

16500 Alexander Manor Drive, Sandy Spring, MD 20905
Proposed location obscured by carriage house. View taken in front of gate from wagon entrance.
Aberdeen Style Swing Gates

**Single Swing**

- AS-1
- AS-2
- AS-3
- AS-4
- AS-5
- AS-6

**Double Swing**

- AD-1
- AD-2
- AD-3

Proposed design, highlighted