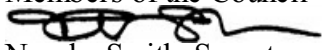


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Monday, May 17, 2021
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, May 14, 2021. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "African American Civil War Museum Installation of the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue Approval Resolution of 2021", PR24-0238

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson, at the request of Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to Committee of the Whole.

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 14, 2021

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Today, I am transmitting to the Council of the District of Columbia for its consideration and approval the "*African American Civil War Museum Installation of the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue Approval Resolution of 2021*". Please find enclosed a copy of the proposed resolution proposing a commemorative work; the installation of the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue at Grimke on the public space adjacent to the African American Civil War Museum (AACWM), located in the historic Archibald Grimke School at 1925 Vermont Avenue, NW.

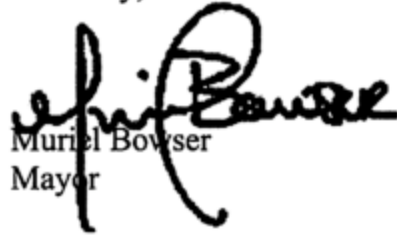
The Museum has filed the necessary paperwork to obtain a permit from the Department of Transportation (DDOT) to install the statue, and the Commemorative Works Committee voted on the matter at its April 30, 2021 meeting and recommended favorable disposition of the proposed statue in the public space adjacent to the African American Civil War Museum at 1925 Vermont Avenue NW.

As you are aware, the Duke Plan calls for the combining of the African American Civil War Memorial and the Grimke Development across Vermont Avenue to further create the African American Civil War Memorial Plaza. The AACWM is working with the District's Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Office of Planning to erect the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation statute which is designed to create a sightline across Vermont Avenue from the Memorial to the Museum at Grimke which is currently under construction. In July 2020, the statue was delivered to the museum for installation in front of the museum at Grimke where it will rest on a podium adorned by ceremonial steps.

For these reasons set forth above, I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed resolution.


If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Andrew Trueblood, Director of the Office of Planning at (202) 442-7636.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor

Enclosures


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To approve the installation of a commemorative work, to be known as the “Abraham
17 Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue,” on the public space adjacent to
18 the African American Civil War Museum located at 1925 Vermont Avenue N.W..
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That
21 this resolution may be cited as the “African American Civil War Museum Installation of
22 the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue Approval Resolution of
23 2021”.

24 Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 401 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition
25 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code
26 § 9-204.01) (“Act”), the Council approves the installation of a commemorative work, to
27 be known as the “Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue,” on public
28 space adjacent to the African American Civil War Museum, located on the historic
29 Archibald Grimke School at 1925 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

30 Sec. 3. Transmittal. The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
31 adoption, to the Mayor and the African American Civil War Museum.

32 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

33 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as
34 the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures
35 Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-
36 301.47a).

37 Sec. 5. Effective date.

38 This resolution shall take effect immediately.


Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Fitzroy Lee
Interim Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Fitzroy Lee
Interim Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: May 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – African American Civil War Museum
Installation of the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation
Statue Approval Resolution of 2021

REFERENCE: Draft bill provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on May 14, 2021

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill authorizes the installation of a public art installation known as the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue at 1925 Vermont Avenue N.W., in front of the Grimke Building, as part of the African American Civil War Memorial Museum Grimke Development.¹

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are no costs to the District; the installation is funded privately.

¹ <https://www.afroamcivilwar.org/news-events/press-releases/206-african-american-civil-war-museum-grimke-school-redevelopment.html>