

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: November 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on PR 24-818, the “District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-818, the “District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On June 17, 2022, PR 24-818, the “District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor. The purpose of PR 24-818 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Mr. Otto Condon for re-appointment to the Commemorative Works Committee (CWC) for a three-year term expiring July 22, 2025. Mr. Condon is currently a resident of Ward 1. Mr. Condon’s prior appointment ended on July 22, 2022 and he has served in a holdover capacity since that time.

Mr. Condon is an Urban Design Principal at ZGF Architects, LLP. He has been extensively involved in development projects for downtowns, neighborhoods, housing, transit, and institutions in several cities and a wide range of site-specific contexts, including master plans, streetscapes, public realm improvements, transit infrastructure, and low impact development. Mr. Condon has considerable experience working with local and federal agencies, developers, business improvement districts, and community organizations. He led the consultant team for the SW

Ecodistrict Plan project in Washington, DC – the first formally accepted Ecodistrict in the United States. His urban design and planning approach focuses on solutions that address place-making, balancing modes of transportation, pedestrian access and safety, sustainability, and complex implementation strategies. Mr. Condon has completed urban design projects in all eight wards and has focused on the District’s underserved communities.

At the public hearing on his nomination, Mr. Condon testified that he looks forward to continue his work on the CWC to explore new and creative ways to bring more works of art to the District’s significant, inspirational and beautiful public realm and stated that his myriad interests have suited him well in providing review and advice on commemorative works and other CWC planning efforts.

The Commemorative Works Committee (CWC) was established by the “Commemorative Works on Public Space Act of 2000,” effective April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-275; 48 DCR 1627). The CWC advises and recommends to the Mayor and the Council a disposition of each application to place a commemorative work on public space in the District. The Committee is to develop criteria to review, evaluate, and approve commemorative works in the District, review all applications for commemorative works, refer applications to affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the National Capital Memorial Commission for comment, and then recommend to the Mayor and Council a disposition of each application.¹

The CWC is to be composed of 12 voting members: three citizen members, each appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council for a 3-year term, and nine government officials or their designated representatives. The government officials are: the Director of the Office of Planning (who shall serve as chair); the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation; the Director of the Department of Public Works; the Chief Property Management Officer; the Executive Director of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities; the Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Review Board; the Secretary of the District of Columbia; the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The citizen members of the CWC must display an active interest or ability in the visual arts, architecture, civic design, or history.²

As transmitted by the Mayor, the resolution appointing Mr. Condon was inadvertently drafted to have the term ending on July 22, 2021. However, all citizen appointee seats run on a three-year cycle meaning that Mr. Condon is being appointed to a term that expires July 22, 2022. A letter from the Mayor confirming this correction is being received and will be filed with the record for PR 24-818. A history of the terms, listing the citizen members of the CWC, is provided below.

¹ D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 9-204.12 (2016).

² D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 9-204.13 (2016).

Table A: Citizen Members of the Commemorative Works Committee

Member	Council Resolution	Term Expiration
<i>Otto Condon*</i>	<i>PR 24-818</i>	<i>7/22/2022</i>
<i>Joe Coleman*</i>	<i>PR 24-893</i>	<i>7/22/2022</i>
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2022
Otto Condon	R. 23-328	7/22/2022
Joe Coleman	???	7/22/2022
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2022
Otto Condon	R 21-602	7/22/2019
Joe Coleman	R. 22-254	7/22/2019
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2019
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2016
Tendani Mpulubusi El	R. 20-730	7/22/2016
Barbara Deutsch	R. 20-682	7/22/2016
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2013
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2013
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2013
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2010
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2010
Vacant	N/A	7/22/2010
David Lorren Retland	R. 16-339	7/22/2007
Robert Sockwell	R. 15-792	7/22/2007
Dorothy Height	R. 15-791	7/22/2007
Alexander Padro	R. 14-131	7/22/2004
Robert Sockwell	R. 14-133	7/22/2004
Dorothy Height	R. 14-132	7/22/2004

* Nominee, will be reappointed as a member if confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Otto Condon has added value and expertise to the work of the CWC during consideration, thus, the Committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Otto Condon as a citizen member of the Commemorative Works Committee.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

June 17, 2022	PR 24-818, “Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” is introduced by Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.
June 28, 2022	PR 24-818 is “read” at a legislative meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
July 1, 2022	Notice of Intent to act on PR 24-818 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
September 2, 2022	Notice of a Public Roundtable is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
October 12, 2022	The Committee of the Whole holds a public roundtable on PR 24-818.
February 4, 2020	The Committee on the Whole marks-up PR 24-818.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. Otto Condon is the Mayor’s nominee for appointment to the Commemorative Works Committee.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a Public Hearing on PR 24-818 on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing.

Otto Condon, Nominee, testified as to his interest and qualifications in continuing his work on the CWC. In response to questions, he spoke of focus on bottom line sustainability and the need for sustainable design to address the human experience, environmental benefits, and economic sustainability. Mr. Condon separately provided answers to prehearing questions submitted by the Committee. His answers are attached to this report.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to the nominee.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the Commemorative Works Committee (CWC) are appointed pursuant to section 412 of D.C. Law 4-201, The Street and Alley Closing Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 as amended by D.C. Law 13-275 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.12) which establishes the CWC, and in accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D. C. Official Code § 1-523.01).

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of PR 24-818 will have no fiscal impact on the District of Columbia budget or financial plan. Members of the Committee are not compensated.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of PR 24-818.
<u>Section 2</u>	Approves the nomination for appointment of Otto Condon to the Commemorative Works Committee for a term to end on July 22, 2022.
<u>Section 3</u>	Directs transmittal of the resolution to the nominee and the Mayor.
<u>Section 4</u>	Effective date.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

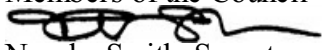
On November 1, 2022, the Committee met to consider PR 24-818, the “District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022.” The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m., and PR 24-818 was item III-C on the agenda. After ascertaining a quorum (Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers Allen, Cheh, Bonds, Gray, Henderson, Lewis George, McDuffie, Nadeau, Pinto, Silverman, R. White, and T. White present), Chairman Mendelson moved the committee report and committee print for PR 24-818 with leave for staff to make technical, conforming, and editorial changes. After an opportunity for discussion, the vote on the report and print were unanimous (Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers Allen, Cheh, Bonds, Gray, Henderson, Lewis George, McDuffie, Nadeau, Pinto, Silverman, R. White, and T. White present). The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 24-818 as introduced.
2. Testimony and Nominee’s response to Committee questions.
3. Legal Sufficiency Determination.
4. Committee Print for PR 24-818.

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 : Thursday, June 23, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, June 17, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022", PR24-0818

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

June 17, 2022

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:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 412 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-275; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.12), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

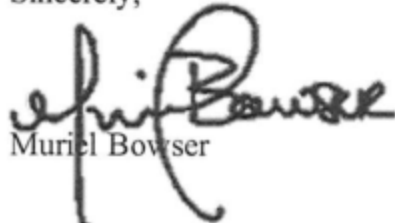
Mr. Otto Condon
12th Place, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(Ward 1)

for reappointment as a citizen member of the District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee, for a term to end July 22, 2025.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Mr. Condon, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Otto Condon to the District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Mr. Otto Condon
12th Place, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(Ward 1)

as a citizen member of the District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee, established by section 412 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-275; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.12), for a term to end July 22, 2025.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



OTTO CONDON AICP

Principal | ZGF Architects, DC

Otto Condon is an Urban Design Principal with more than 28 years of experience. He has been extensively involved in guiding master plans for public agencies, private institutions, private sector clients, district and neighborhood groups, and transit-oriented development across the country. While living in Boston, Portland, OR, Chicago, and Washington DC, his work on the development of vision plans, public realm design strategies, and development projects has provided the framework for significant public and private investment. Design experience includes mixed-use and institutional development projects, transit infrastructure, streetscape and public realm improvements and low impact development projects. His urban design and planning approach focuses on solutions that address revitalization, placemaking, triple bottom line sustainability, prioritizing mobility modes, and strategic implementation.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture,
Certificate in Urban Design
University of Washington, Seattle

Diplomado de Arquitectura
Urbana

Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana,
Xochimilco, Mexico City

Bachelor of Environmental
Design

University of Colorado, Boulder

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Certified
Planners American Planning

Association

Lambda Alpha International, George
Washington - Washington, DC

Urban Land Institute

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- National Capital Planning Commission, GSA,
SW Ecodistrict Plan WASHINGTON, DC
- National Park Service, Hoffman-Madison,
Banneker Park Improvements WASHINGTON,
DC
- DC Office of Planning WASHINGTON, DC
 - » Deanwood/Ward 7 Strategic Development Plan
 - » Central 14th Street Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy
 - » Columbia Heights Public Realm Framework
- District Department of Transportation
WASHINGTON, DC
 - » K Street Centerway / Union Station to Georgetown Streetcar
 - » Connecticut Ave NW Streetscape & Plaza
 - » Dupont Circle Overlook Kinetic Plaza
 - » Minnesota Ave NE Great Street Design
 - » 15th Street NW/New Hampshire Ave Improvements
- Placemaking Concepts WASHINGTON, DC
 - » Downtown DC BID
 - » Golden Triangle BID
 - » Crystal City BID
 - » Congress Heights Community Association
 - » NOMA BID
- Metropolitan Washington Council of
Government Transportation Land-Use
Connections Program WASHINGTON, DC
 - » Montgomery County BRT Prototype Design
 - » 19th Street NW LID Design
 - » Farragut Square Pedestrian Study
- GSA, St Elizabeths West Campus DHS
Headquarters Master Plan Amendment #2
WASHINGTON, DC
- U.S. Department of State, Overseas Building
Operations WASHINGTON, DC
 - » U.S. Embassy, San Jose, Costa Rica
 - » U.S. Embassy, Algiers, Algeria
- Gallaudet University, Union Market Properties
Vision Plan & Real Estate Advisory Services
WASHINGTON, DC
- Ward 7 - Parkside Blocks 8, 9 & 10 Mixed Use
Planned Unit Development WASHINGTON, DC

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Principal | ZGF Architects, DC

• Experience while with other firms:

- » Washington DC Draft Framework Plan
- » Chicago Central Area Plan, CHICAGO, IL
- » Near Northwest Side Plan, CHICAGO, IL
- » Canary Wharf-Heron Quay Infrastructure, LONDON, UK
- » Boston Redevelopment Authority Project 747, Multiple Sites, BOSTON, MA

- Coalition for Smarter Growth, Downtown Ward 7 TOD Vision Plan WASHINGTON, DC
- Montgomery County Department of Transportation MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
 - » US29 BRT Design & Implementation
 - » MD355 BRT Planning
- Georgetown-Rosslyn Gondola Feasibility Study WASHINGTON, DC
- Maryland Department of Transportation BALTIMORE, MD
 - » Baltimore Red Line TOD Study
 - » Howard Street LRT Enhancement Strategy
- Charlotte Area Transit System, Gateway Station Concept Design, CHARLOTTE, NC
- City of Portland, Oregon
 - » River District Illustrative Vision Plan
 - » South Waterfront Framework Plan
 - » Transit Mall Revitalization
 - » Portland Streetcar
- Ecodistrict Design Advisory Services
 - » Kendall Square Ecodistrict CAMBRIDGE, MA
 - » Bethesda Downtown Plan, Ecodistrict Strategy, MD
- m2 Real Estate, Digomi Park Neighborhood Master Plan & Isani Park Mixed-Use Master Plan TBILISI, REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA
- Gallois Invest, Podil Lake Mixed-Use Master Plan and Phase 1 Architecture KIEV, UKRAINE
- Dickinson College Sustainable Master Plan CARLISLE, PA
- Reed College Master Plan PORTLAND, OR
- Goose Lake, University of Alaska - Anchorage, Alaska Pacific University District Master Plan ANCHORAGE, AK

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Principal | ZGF Architects, DC

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- » "Mobility Making the Place", Panelist, Georgetown University, Washington DC, 2019
- » "Adapting Modernist Landscapes in the Public Realm", AIA/DC, 2018
- » "Buildings in the Public Realm: Innovations in Civic and Commercial Architecture," Arch Record on the Road, DC, 2017
- » "The Georgetown-Rosslyn Gondola Feasibility Study" AIA-Design DC, 2017
- » "Aerial Gondolas: Taking Transit to the Next Level" RailVolution Annual Conference, Denver, CO, 2017
- » ULI Washington: Learn from the Best Panel, Washington, DC, 2017
- » "Place-Led Urbanization: How to Recenter Architecture on Place?", Placemaker Leadership Forum, Vancouver, BC, 2016
- » "Ecodistricts: Performance Based Urban Design", APA National Conference, Seattle, WA, 2015
- » "District Scale Sustainability" Architects Institute of British Columbia Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2015
- » "A Vision for a More Sustainable Future", RailVolution Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2014
- » "SW Ecodistrict", APA National Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2014
- » "SW Ecodistrict", Living Future Conference, Seattle, WA, 2013
- » "SW Ecodistrict", EcoDistrict Summit, Portland, OR, 2012
- » "SW Ecodistrict", American Institute of Architects, National Convention, Washington, DC, 2012
- » "SW Ecodistrict Presentation and Tour," National Building Museum, Washington, DC, 2012
- » "The Next Generation of Planning: Adding Energy, Water, and Waste to the Land Use and Transportation Mix in the SW Ecodistrict," American Planning Association, National Capital Area Chapter, Washington, DC, 2012
- » "Ward 7 Revitalization," National Organization of Minority Architects, General Meeting, Washington, DC, 2012
- » "Climate Change and Sustainability," RailVolution Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, 2012
- » "Tackling Equity with a Transit Line: Three Examples," RailVolution Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2011
- » "Columbia Heights Public Realm Design: Building A Community Vision," Design DC, Washington, DC, 2010
- » "Moving Beyond the Presidents Climate Commitment: Environmental Stewardship at Dickinson College," NACUBO, Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference, College Park, MD, 2009
- » Lake Worth Tri-Rail Station Charrette Design Leader, RailVolution Annual Conference, Miami, FL, 2007
- » "Columbia Heights Public Realm Design," RailVolution Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2006
- » "Self-Help Strawbale Construction" 1st International Conference on Ecomaterials & Sustainable Habitats, Havana, Cuba, 1998

URBAN LAND INSTITUTE PARTICIPATION

- » The H Street Transformation - Track to the Future, Panelist, 2019
- » ULI Baltimore & Washington TOD Product Council, 2019
- » ULI Washington - Learn from the Best, Panelist, 2017
- » ULI Advisory Services Panelist:
 - University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2011
 - Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA, 2007

SELECT CIVIC & PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

- » Washington DC Commemorative Works Commission, Citizen Appointee, 2016-Current
- » Architectural design services for Hospicio Santa Maria, Proyecto Vida Clinic, Retreat Center, Pajapita, Guatemala, 2004-Current
- » University Class Presentations / Studio Guest Critic
 - Georgetown University, DC
 - Catholic University, DC
 - Howard University, DC
 - University of Maryland, College Park, MD
 - Portland State University, Portland, OR
 - University of Oregon, Portland, OR
 - Boston Architectural Center, Boston, MA
- » Groundwork Anacostia River DC, Advisory Council Member, Washington, DC
- » Guide for Neighborhood Walking Tours - Coalition for Smarter Growth, Washington, DC
- » Northwest District Association Board of Directors, Treasurer, Policy Plan Committee, Portland, OR, 1997-1999
- » APSNICA - Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua, Construction Brigade, Nicaragua, 1989



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Otto Condon



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With over 28 years of experience, Mr. Condon has been extensively involved in guiding master plans for the public and private sectors, district and neighborhood groups, and transit-oriented development across the nation. Mr. Condon's work has provided the framework for significant public and private investment and his urban design and planning approach focuses on solutions that address revitalization, placemaking, triple bottom line sustainability, strategic implementation, and prioritization of mobility modes. Mr. Condon's design experience encompasses mixed-use and institutional development projects, transit infrastructure, streetscape and public real improvements, and low impact development projects.

Mr. Condon is professionally affiliated with the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners amongst several others. Mr. Condon has presented at numerous conferences on topics ranging from architectural design to urbanization and sustainability. In addition, he has led and participated in projects such as the Minnesota Avenue Northeast Great Street Design and the Deanwood/Ward 7 Strategic Development Plan.

A Ward 1 resident, Mr. Condon received a Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a Diploma in Urban Architecture from the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco in Mexico City, and a Master of Architecture and a certificate in Urban Design from the University of Washington at Seattle.

September 29, 2022

Mr. Otto Condon
12th Place, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Condon:

Congratulations on being nominated for reappointment to be a member of the Commemorative Works Committee (CWC) for the District of Columbia. As you know, the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public hearing on your nomination for **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference**. Enclosed is a copy of the hearing notice.

It is standard for the Council to submit questions to nominees. I request your response to the Committee to the following questions no later than close of business, Monday, October 10, 2022.

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a disclosure form, please provide answers to questions no. 2-8 in lieu of that statement.
2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$1,000, including publicly traded stock. **None**
3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$200 during the past two years. **My employer, ZGF Architects, has performed urban design consulting services for the District Department of Transportation.**
4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details. **I am a Principal with ZGF Architects, and have performed urban design consulting services for the District Department of Transportation.**
5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$1,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts. **None**

6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000. **2233 12th Place NW, Ward 1**
7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you. **AICP– American Institute of Certified Planners**
8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member. **American Planning Association, Urban Land Institute, Lambda Alpha International – Land Economics Society**
9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District Government on which you are or have been a member and include the term of service for each. **Member of Commemorative Works Committee since 2016**
10. Please list any other boards (e.g., Board of Directors for a non-profit) on which you are currently a member. **None**
11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim. **None**
12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the CWC? **No conflicts of interest. In my role as an urban designer/planner I do look for confluences of interest.**
13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past six years, including all campaign contributions to a D.C. candidate or political committee. **I do not donate to candidates or PACs. Instead, I focus my financial and personal support toward non-profit organizations such as DC Central Kitchen, Community of Hope, Capital Area Food Bank, Coalition for Smarter Growth, International Rescue Committee, Alzheimer’s Association and Proyecto Vida in Guatemala.**
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered. **No**
15. Why have you agreed to continue to serve, and how do you plan to help CWC fulfill its role and mission? Include in your answer what you believe should be the priorities for CWC and specific challenges you see for CWC. **I first want to commend the Office of Planning for their effort on the Commemorative Work Location Strategy. It has been worthwhile for me to offer advice as part of the Commemorative Works Committee, and I believe it defines the foundation for the future enhancement of the public realm. I look forward to working with the Commemorative Works Committee to explore new and creative ways to bring more works of art to the District’s significant, inspirational and beautiful public realm. One such way is a public art program, such as a 1% for Art, to work public art and commemorative works into public infrastructure investments.**

16. Please include any past and present experiences that you believe are relevant to support your appointment as a member of the CWC. **I am a 20-year resident of Ward 1, and chose to move to DC after working, as an Urban Design consultant, with the DC Office of Planning (DCOP), under Mayor Anthony Williams, on an internal framework plan for organizing future growth in the District. As an Urban Design Principal with ZGF Architects, a nationally recognized Planning, Urban Design and Architecture Firm, I have had the opportunity and privilege to contribute my design expertise on community-oriented projects in all 8 wards of the District, for District and federal agencies, non-profits, institutions, BIDs, and community organizations. Several of these projects have been recognized by professional organizations with honors.**

My first urban design project in DC was the development of the Columbia Heights Public Realm, which was a collaborative effort with DCOP, District Department of Transportation and the DC Arts and Humanities Commission with the community. My urban design and planning approach focuses on solutions that address equitable revitalization, placemaking/place-enhancing, triple bottom line sustainability, prioritizing pedestrian, bike and transit mobility, and strategic implementation. This confluence of interests, which drives my professional practice, is why I believe I was originally nominated for the Commemorative Works Committee. While the role of the Committee is review and advisory, I have brought and intend to continue to bring my professional and civic perspective.

At the October 12th hearing, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as a member of the Commission. The testimony of persons interested in supporting your nomination is helpful but not necessary. Interested parties should visit <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> to register, or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail (COW@dccouncil.gov).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Evan Cash on my staff at 202-724-7002, or ecash@dccouncil.gov.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson
Chairman

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PM/ec

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee**



Public Roundtable on

**PR24-0818, the “District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee
Otto Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

Testimony of

Otto Condon

**Before the
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairperson**

October 12, 2022
2:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Platform
The John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Good afternoon, Chairperson Mendelson, members of the Committee of the Whole, and staff. I would first like to thank Mayor Bowser for this nominating me to another term on the Commemorative Works Committee, and the City Council for holding this hearing.

I am a 20-year resident of Ward 1, and chose to move to DC after working, as an Urban Design consultant, with the DC Office of Planning (DCOP), under Mayor Anthony Williams, on an internal framework plan for organizing future growth in the District. As an Urban Design Principal with ZGF Architects, a nationally recognized Planning, Urban Design and Architecture Firm, I have had the opportunity and privilege to contribute my design expertise on community-oriented projects in all 8 wards of the District, for District and federal agencies, non-profits, institutions, BIDs, and community organizations. Several of these projects have been recognized by professional organizations with honors.

My first urban design project in DC was the development of the Columbia Heights Public Realm, which was a collaborative effort with DCOP, District Department of Transportation and the DC Arts and Humanities Commission with the community. My urban design and planning approach focuses on solutions that address equitable revitalization, placemaking/place-enhancing, triple bottom line sustainability, prioritizing pedestrian, bike and transit mobility, and strategic implementation. This confluence of interests, which drives my professional practice, is why I believe I was originally nominated for the Commemorative Works Committee. While the role of the Committee is review and advisory, I have brought and intend to continue to bring my professional and civic perspective.

While working on several urban design efforts in Ward 7, I had the opportunity to collaborate with Wanda Aikens and the Ward 7 Arts Collaborative. Wanda made a compelling argument that we should take every opportunity through the design of the public realm to enrich, inspire, and educate our youth. In this case we were discussing the opportunity to incorporate public art into every-day infrastructure, such as streetscapes.

I first want to commend the Office of Planning for their effort on the Commemorative Work Location Strategy. It has been worthwhile for me to offer advice as part of the Commemorative Works Committee, and I believe it defines the foundation for the future enhancement of the public realm. I look forward to working with the Commemorative Works Committee to explore new and creative ways to bring more works of art to the District's significant, inspirational and beautiful public realm. One such way is a public art program, such as a 1% for Art, to work public art and commemorative works into public infrastructure investments.

Thank you, I look forward to answering any questions the Council may have for me.

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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To confirm the reappointment Mr. Otto Condon to the District of Columbia Commemorative
16 Works Committee.
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
19 resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee Otto
20 Condon Confirmation Resolution of 2022”.
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22 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the re-appointment of:
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24 Mr. Otto Condon
25 12th Place, NW
26 Washington, D.C. 20009
27 (Ward 1)
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29 as a citizen member of the District of Columbia Commemorative Works Committee, established
30 by section 412 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, approved
31 April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-275; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.12), and in accordance with section
32 2 of the Confirmation Act of 2978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code
33 § 1-523.01) for a term to end on July 22, 2025.

34 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
35 upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

36 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.