Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS



10/13/2011 10:01 AM

- To Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini/NCR/NPS@NPS
- cc Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS

bcc

Subject Fw: Protestor Encampments at Freedom Plaza/McPherson Square

Send me over there - I'll heckle them away. Why was the permit extended? Isn't this a waste of our tax dollars? Why not change these aggressive protests to 1-day from 7a to 7p. Maybe I just need to dig a hole and crawl in and not let this stuff bother me. HA!

Oh - I have Richard Bradley coming to the office on Oct 24 at 11:30a for a meet and greet with RD Whitesell. Bob Vogel and Steve Lorenzetti are attending. I set this up last week.

Judy Bowman Staff Assistant Office of the Regional Director National Capital Region (office) 202-619-7023 (fax) 202-619-7220 ----- Forwarded by Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS on 10/13/2011 09:37 AM -----

#### Kathleen Harasek/USPP/NPS



10/13/2011 08:13 AM

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cc "Robert\_Vogel@nps.gov" <Robert\_Vogel@nps.gov>, "Steve\_whitesell@NPS.gov" <Steve\_whitesell@NPS.gov> Subject Re: Protestor Encampments at Freedom Plaza/McPherson Square

Sirs,

Just a bit of background... The Downtown BID meets monthly and I have one of our Lieutenants attend to liaison. One of the folks from the BID reached out to me yesterday to let me know that this letter was being sent. We are currently working on finishing an operational plan for the Freedom Plaza/McFearson Park area and I would be happy to review it with you.

Thanks, Kathy

Captain Kathleen Harasek Commander, Central District U.S. Park Police 202-426-6710 (office)

Kathleen\_Harasek@nps.gov



Steve Whitesell <steve\_whitesell@nps.gov> 10/11/2011 11:11 AM To Lisa\_Mendelson-lelmini@nps.gov

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Subject Fwd: update requested - dwntn protests

Pls. Respond

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: <u>Alexa\_Viets@nps.gov</u> Date: October 11, 2011 9:25:13 AM CDT To: <u>Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov</u> Cc: <u>Lisa\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov</u>, <u>Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov</u>, <u>Karen\_Cucurullo@nps.gov</u>, <u>Steve\_Lorenzetti@nps.gov</u>, <u>Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov</u>, <u>Maureen\_Foster@nps.gov</u> Subject: update requested - dwntn protests

Hi Steve,

Jon would like an update on the on-going Occupy DC demonstrations. Can you share with us the status of any current permits, if additional permits are anticipated and include an update from USPP as to any activity, issues or mobilization plans?

Thanks, Alexa

Alexa Viets National Park Service (202) 501-7144



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# Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS

10/14/2011 12:31 PM

To Anna.Maldonado@mail.house.gov

cc bcc

Subject Responding on Behalf of Director Jarvis

Anna -

National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis is away today, but I believe I may be able to address Congressman Grijalva's questions regarding protesters in McPherson Square.

I'm available via email at the address above or by phone at 202-619-7023.

Steve Whitesell National Park Service Regional Director National Capital Region

Tasha Robbins/WASO/NPS



- To Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS
- cc Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS@NPS, Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS@NPS

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Subject Re: Fw: Director Jarvis available today to speak w/ Congressman Grijalva

Thanks Mr. Whitesell.

Tasha Robbins National Park Service Staff Assistant to the Director 1849 C Street Northwest, Room 3112 Washington, DC 20240 202-208-3818(Office) 202-208-7889 (Fax) Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS



### Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS

10/14/2011 10:05 AM

- To Tasha Robbins/WASO/NPS@NPS
- cc Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS@NPS, Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS@NPS Subject Re: Fw: Director Jarvis available today to speak w/
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Tasha -

Park Police has prepared a briefing statement that I hope to receive this morning. We are sending it to Maureen as well. Once I have that, I should be able to speak intelligently to the Ranking Member.

Steve Whitesell National Park Service Regional Director National Capital Region

 Tasha Robbins
 Good morning Mr. Whitesell, Can you please tak...
 10/14/2011 08:57:13 AM

 Tasha Robbins/WASO/NPS
 To\_Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS



- cc Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS@NPS, Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS@NPS
- Subject Fw: Director Jarvis available today to speak w/ Congressman Grijalva

Good morning Mr. Whitesell,

Can you please take care of this? Jon is on travel.

10/14/2011 08:57 AM

Thanks!

Tasha Robbins

#### Thank you in advance.

#### ANNA MALDONADO

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ANNA MALDONADO SCHEDULER | REP. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA (AZ-07) 1511 LONGWORTH | WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515 | 202.225.2435 SIGN UP FOR CONGRESSMAN GRIJALVA'S <u>GRANTS NEWSLETTER</u>



Richard Bradley <bradley@downtowndc.org> 10/14/2011 10:17 PM

- To "Kathleen\_Harasek@nps.gov" <Kathleen\_Harasek@nps.gov>, "Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov" <Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov>
- cc "christopher.murphy@dc.gov" <christopher.murphy@dc.gov>, "jackevans@dccouncil.us" <jackevans@dccouncil.us>, "paul.quander@dc.gov"
- bcc
- Subject RE: Protestor Encampments at Freedom Plaza/McPherson Square

Hi Commander Harasek,

Thank your for your response to my letter to Steve Whitesell in which we shared our concerns about the adequacy of NPS to effectively to monitor and enforce the the requirements which are usually the conditions of any permit which has been granted by your agency as they relate to the present encampment situation which has been allowed in downtown DC. We are well aware and appreciative of the efforts of your police force to work in cooperation with us on downtown matters and are welcome the opportunity to create a more direct relationship with you and the other members of your force. We recently hired David Kanperin, who until the end of May was the MPD Commander of 2D, as our Director of Public Space Management. I would like to involve him in any future discussions.

We recognize the complexities of the present situation, and understand that we will be meeting with senior leadership on Monday morning to learn more about the findings of law which have permitted NPS to seemingly alter long standing practices as they relate to the use of our downtown parks for protest or assembly purposes. And we are aware of the efforts of your force, in light of these changes in practice to attempt to monitor the situation in the face of dramatically increased needs to monitor these public spaces 24/7, and possibly for 4 more months. However, as we will share with you these efforts, as well as those of other services of NPS, appear to be insufficient to the task and we believe are creating serious unintended problems which I shared in my letter to Steve. In the meantime the burden of managing these matters has fallen to us and DC Government.

We welcome the chance to work with you but I am puzzled why no one from NPS called us to share information about the decision to allow these encampments, or to invite the cooperation and collaboration and understanding you are now asking for. We clearly will work with you but feel at the moment the partnership is a one way street.

I think we would benefit from a separate meeting with you, aside from our meeting next Monday morning.

Leaving aside my expressed frustration i want to make sure you understand we are prepared to work with you and welcome your expressed interest to this end.

I will be in touch on Monday.

Thanks.

Rich Bradley

From: Kathleen Harasek@nps.gov [Kathleen Harasek@nps.gov] Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 5:44 PM To: Richard Bradley; Steve Whitesell@nps.gov Cc: christopher.murphy@dc.gov; jackevans@dccouncil.us; paul.quander@dc.gov;

Robert Vogel@nps.gov Subject: Re: Protestor Encampments at Freedom Plaza/McPherson Square Richard, By way of email intro my name is Kathy Harasek and I am a District Commander with the U.S.Park Police, areas of the Downtown BID fall within my command. Please know that our supervisors and officers are committed to enforcing the regulations that keep the park areas safe and secure for everyone's use. Sometimes these tasks are easy and enjoyable, other times these tasks present unique challenges-this is one of those times. During times such as these your support and the support of the members of the Downtown BID and other similar organizations is an important component to the message that is sent to those who currently use the park in a manner that leaves it unsightly and dissuades others from visiting. Please know that our officers are routinely checking on the parks, reminding violators of the regulations applicable to the area and documenting these activities. Throughout this time we have been consulting with our agency's Solicitor's Office to ensure that our enforcement efforts are supported by the appropriate legal rules and regulations. My agency has an excellent reputation of dealing with First Amendments groups that come to Washington, DC to exercise their rights, our operational plans are sound and our responses provide the highest level of safety and security. Our responses to these groups will be consistent, but it will take time. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and those you represent to discuss these matters further. I hope that I have assured you of our commitment to the ongoing enforcement efforts. Please feel free to contact me directly at 202-426-6710. Capt. Kathleen Harasek U.S. Park Police 202-426-6710 ----- Original Message -----

From: Richard Bradley [bradley@downtowndc.org]
Sent: 10/14/2011 01:47 AM GMT
To: Steve Whitesell
Cc: "christopher.murphy@dc.gov" <christopher.murphy@dc.gov>;
"jackevans@dccouncil.us" <jackevans@dccouncil.us>; Kathleen Harasek;
"Kevin Hay@nps.gov" <Kevin Hay@nps.gov>; "paul.quander@dc.gov"
<paul.quander@dc.gov>; Robert Vogel
Subject: RE: Protestor Encampments at Freedom Plaza/McPherson Square

Hi Steve,

Thanks for responding. Sorry our "meet and greet event" scheduled for tomorrow had to be cancelled in expectation of the MLK dedication events this weekend.

It appears we are now scheduled to meet with the appropriate National Mall personal on Monday. Steve Lorenzetti was most response in arranging.

But I do want to let you know that we have many security, sanitation, and general management concerns about the present state of the encampments. Leaving aside what appears to be an expeditious permitting process (not afforded to many of us) which seems to overlook long standing NPS practices, there doesn't appear the needed resources to enforce whatever basic requirements are essential to maintain and protect these sites.

No one ever reached out to us, and I assume the city, to share with us the

anything about your decisions and we feel we have been burdened both to figure out what are the plans for these sites and well as to attempt to manage the consequences.

We have had a relatively good partnership and I hope we can find ways to restore the sense of partnership we have had with NPS in the past.

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Rich

From: Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov [Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov] Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:37 PM To: Richard Bradley Cc: christopher.murphy@dc.gov; jackevans@dccouncil.us; Kathleen\_Harasek@nps.gov; Kevin\_Hay@nps.gov; paul.quander@dc.gov; Robert\_Vogel@nps.gov Subject: Re: Protestor Encampments at Freedom Plaza/McPherson Square

Richard -

Thanks for your email and I'm sorry I haven't had a chance to respond sooner. I've been out of town since late last week.

I greatly appreciate the NPS/Downtown BID Partnership and you and your constituents concerns. I know that the Park Police have attended many of your monthly meetings in the past and would suggest that Captain Kathleen Harasek would be the person most familiar with the specifics of the current encampment. I will have her get back in touch with you ASAP to address the questions you've raised. Steve

Steve Whitesell National Park Service Regional Director National Capital Region

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October 12, 2011

Mr. Steve Whitesell Capital Regional Director National Park Service 1100 Ohio Drive SW Washington DC 20242-0001

Dear Director Whitesell:

The Downtown Business Improvement District would welcome a chance to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss the protestors' encampments at Freedom Plaza and McPherson Square. We are finding ourselves playing a significant role in maintaining order.

While the Downtown BID recognizes the Constitutional rights of Americans to protest, we also respect the rights of Downtown's 180,000 workers and 8,500 residents to enjoy a safe and healthy Downtown environment.

We would like to know the following:

- 1. Who should be our point of contact at NPS? Park Police?
- 2. Where protestors have permits, what are the terms and conditions of
- the permits? How are the terms and conditions being enforced? 3. Where protestors do not have permits, are permits being processed?
- 4. Are the Park Police providing 24/7 patrols at Freedom Plaza and McPherson Square?
- 5. Is NPS allowing for provision of public toilets and public showers?
- 6. Are the Park Police regulating strictly the use of propane and other flammable materials?
- 7. How is coordination being handled with the city-especially the Metropolitan Police Department and Department of Public Works?
- 8. Does NPS intend to devote significant resources to resodding and other redemptive parks measures once the protests have ended.

We are also attempting to coordinate with DC government about related matters.

We look forward to meeting soon.

The Downtown BID appreciates its 14-year partnership with NPS and the Park Police. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Bradley Executive Director

Richard H. Bradley Executive Director DowntownDC Business Improvement District 1250 H Street, NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 200005 202-661-7561 Direct 202-661-7598 Fax www.downtowndc.org (See attached file: Whitesell.Emcampment.10.12.11.pdf)



Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS

10/20/2011 06:45 AM

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Subject Fw: Fwd: Meeting with NPS

Hey. See below. Can we get on the phone this morning? Unless you want to come over? I will be in the office by 815 I hope.

Thanks.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maureen D. Foster 202.208.5970

From: Maureen Foster Sent: 10/20/2011 06:43 AM EDT To: Laura Davis; Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell Cc: Rachel Jacobson; Matt Lee-ashley; David Hayes Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting with NPS

Good morning Laura.

Jon and Peggy are on travel today. I will get with the regional folks, U SPark Police and Solicitors to get a consolidated update for you.

They are working on a plan and are aware of DC's concerns about the square. what time would be good to talk this morning? Maybe 10 or is that too late?

Maureen

Maureen D. Foster 202.208.5970

From: "Davis, Laura" [Laura\_Davis@ios.doi.gov] Sent: 10/20/2011 05:34 AM AST To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster Cc: Rachel Jacobson; Matt Lee-ashley; David Hayes Subject: Fwd: Meeting with NPS

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Murphy, Christopher (EOM)" <<u>christopher.murphy@dc.gov</u>> Date: October 17, 2011 8:29:28 PM EDT

## To: "Davis, Laura" <<u>Laura\_Davis@ios.doi.gov</u>> Subject: FW: Meeting with NPS

Laura – This continues to be an issue. Would you all consider working with us to try to negotiate a consolidation of folks at Freedom Plaza? The park at McPherson Square is experiencing incredible damage. At least we could try to minimize the damage to the park by getting everyone at Freedom Plaza.

From: Richard Bradley [mailto:bradley@downtowndc.org]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 8:25 PM
To: Murphy, Christopher (EOM); David Kamperin
Cc: Quander, Paul (EOM); Lanier, Cathy (MPD); Sund, Steven A. (MPD); Rick Reinhard
Subject: RE: Meeting with NPS

Chris,

If the Park Service develops a clear set of guidelines as well as dramatically increases their ability to enforce them we might be able to "live" with them especially if the groups could be consolidated into a single place at Freedom Plaza. They are destroying McPherson.

But day by day the encampments seem to slowly grow, in large part with the addition of homeless individuals. Today someone driving a Mercedes station wagon with a Maryland license was dropping off mats, rugs, and other contributions to McPherson which now seems to have a full fledged kitchen in the making.

In the short run we are hoping that NPS can effectuate a containment strategy.

Thanks.

Rich

From: Murphy, Christopher (EOM) [christopher.murphy@dc.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 8:05 PM
To: David Kamperin
Cc: Quander, Paul (EOM); Lanier, Cathy (MPD); Sund, Steven A. (MPD); Rick Reinhard; Richard Bradley
Subject: RE: Meeting with NPS

Thanks so much Dave. It sounds like a very positive meeting – all things considered.

Are there other concerns here or if these commitments are kept can you all live with them? It sounds like the latter but I'd like to be sure.

Thanks,

Chris

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From: David Kamperin [mailto:davidk@downtowndc.org]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 3:31 PM
To: Murphy, Christopher (EOM)
Cc: Quander, Paul (EOM); Lanier, Cathy (MPD); Sund, Steven A. (MPD); Rick Reinhard; Richard Bradley
Subject: Meeting with NPS

Chris-

Today we meet with Robert Vogel, Superintendent of National Mall and Memorial Parks and a few of his staff to discuss the issues at Freedom Plaza and McPherson Square. We discussed four main topics:

- Laws and policies apparent current laws and policies have been violated in these parks regarding camping, structures, cooking (flammable materials to include propane) and generators. Further that prohibiting overnight camping by NPS did not violate freedom of speech or assembly -Supreme Court case *Clark v Community for Creative Nonviolence*, 468 U.S. 288 (1984).
- 2. Requirements of park users-requirements of posting of bonds, maintaining public order and cleanliness of park, prohibition of harming of park land (36 CFR Ch. I § 7.96).
- 3. Enforcement and protection- obligation of NPS to not only protect the park resources but also people who use the park; concern with public health and safety issues
  - a. USPP services and uniformed presence to ensure all who use the park are safe and to ensure open communication and intelligence with MPD
  - b. Child protective services to deal with small children living in these encampments in these unsanitary conditions;
  - c. Maintenance services to deal with the trash and debris;
  - Capital Repairs to be set aside when parks are vacated to restore to pre-encampment conditions;
- 4. Coordination and communication-better coordination to stakeholders (DBID etc)

It was apparent that the Superintendent shared our concerns with the current conditions of the two parks and their current usage and deterioration. He committed to increase maintenance and cleanliness in those parks and coordinate with USPP safety concerns (to incited uniform presence). Superintendent Vogel indicated he had a meeting this afternoon with the Director, NPS solicitors and USPP to discuss these encampments and express our concerns and that he would follow up with us. He agreed that NPS could not establish or permit a precedent with these types of encampments (although we all agreed and realized that the parks maybe a protected platform for those to use for First Amendment activities) and that NPS had to come up with enforcement strategies to deal with the illegal activities-but of course did not mention specific enforcement activities. We, of course, encouraged them to coordinate with MPD if (and when) this time comes.

We also discussed several examples of good usage requests that were denied by NPS (summer concerts in the park, limited food vending, beautification applications and green space use) that would enhance the urban park experience and usage here in DC that would emulate several other best practices and usages not only here in the US but internationally. We also discussed what appeared to be the ease of such activity which, over extended time, has caused harm and damage to our natural resources without any enforcement activity or proactive park management. We pointed out that recent enforcement in several cities and states regarding these illegal encampments have not brought with them the waves of protesters objecting to this action as was feared.

Finally, we requested that if NPS was not going to enforce the laws prohibiting camping, etc that they re-locate the encampments to the National Mall (of course they did not agree with that recommendation) or at least remove the non-permitted activity at McPherson and relocate them to Freedom Plaza, so that capital repairs can be made to green space before winter at McPherson.

The following are the points of contact from today's meeting-

Superintendent Robert Vogel (bob\_vogel@nps.gov) 202-245-4661

Deputy Superintendent of Operations Karen Cucurullo (karen cucurullo@nps.gov) 202-245-4670

Please let me know what the DBID can do to further assist you and the city with this. Also, if you could let us know how your meeting with Dept of Interior goes and any enforcement plans that they may have to deal with this.

Thanks- Dave



Downtown DC Business Improvement District 1250 H Street, NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005 www.downtowndc.org

David K. Kamperin Director of Public Space Management 202-661-7570 PHONE 202-661-7599 FAX davidk@downtowndc.org

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Subject Fw: Attorney-Client Privileged: Occupy DC - McPherson Square -- NAMA Regular Trash Removal

Fyi

Robert A. Vogel Superintendent National Mall and Memorial Parks (202) 245-4661

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cc "Smith, Patrick C." <Patrick\_Smith@nps.gov>, "Harasek, Kathleen" <Kathleen\_Harasek@nps.gov>, "Guddemi, Charlie" <Charles\_Guddemi@nps.gov>, "Maclean, Robert" <Robert\_MacLean@nps.gov>, "Fondren, Kimberly" <Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov>

Subject Attorney-Client Privileged: Occupy DC - McPherson Square -- NAMA Regular Trash Removal

Randy

Randolph J. Myers U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor DPW Branch of National Parks 1849 C Street, NW, Room 5320 Washington, D.C. 20240 w (202) 208-4338 fax (202) 208-3877 Randolph.Myers@sol.doi.gov

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Randy,

More pressure from the community.

Major Robert D. MacLean Commander, Homeland Security Division United States Park Police (202) 619-7085 - Office (202) 438-6656 - Nextel robert maclean@nps.gov - Email

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Subject Fw: Occupy DC Update - McPherson Square

Things are heating up . . . Teresa Chambers, Chief United States Park Police Work: 202-619-7350

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From: David Kamperin [davidk@downtowndc.org] Sent: 10/19/2011 08:20 PM GMT To: Bob Vogel; Steve Lorenzetti; Karen Cucurullo; Kathleen Harasek; Teresa Chambers; "kevin\_hay@nps.gov" <kevin\_hay@nps.gov> Cc: Richard Bradley <bradley@downtowndc.org>; Rick Reinhard <reinhard@downtowndc.org>; "christopher.murphy@dc.gov" <christopher.murphy@dc.gov>; Karyn LeBlanc <karyn@downtowndc.org> Subject: FW: Occupy DC Update - McPherson Square

Superintendent Vogel

Please see attached the photos taken today of conditions at McPherson. Again troubling is the flammable material being stored on site (notice close proximity of one of the generators to the sidewalk) and the cooking. Also disturbing is the recent stacking of lumber and wood for either use for a bonfire or weapons against law enforcement. The trash continues to pile up within the park and then are removed by the occupants and dumped on the public sidewalks. Recent new rat infestation borrowing has been observed in nearby tree box spaces. As the email below indicates the unhealthy and unsanitary conditions continue as food is dumped as compost, dogs run free throughout the park and children (observed in one of the photos) also play where they go to the bathroom.

We look forward to a more proactive response - to include increased trash pick ups and enforcement of these severe public safety issues.

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From: Blake Holub Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 4:04 PM To: David Kamperin Cc: Kenneth Gregory Subject: Occupy DC Update - McPherson Square

Dave,

. . . .

As we had discussed earlier, Kenny and I visited the Occupy DC site today. We noted that the site had expanded since Monday, roughly totaling 125-150 people with nearly 40 tents. The park grounds themselves look to be in poor to dire condition due to all of the activity. Also, the demonstration has two working generators which they seem to be rotating out. They also have a storage tent which looks like a quasi-pantry for demonstrators to receive rations. Additionally, the smell was quite putrid when we walked through the encampment which most likely stems from the lack of sanitary conditions and the presence of dogs. Lastly, we noted around 15 or so trash bags stacked on the corner of K and 15th St. I have also attached photos for your viewing.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks!

Blake Holub, MPA Quality Control Manager Public Space Management Downtown DC BID 1250 H Street, NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005 Desk: (202) 661-7571 Fax: (202) 661-7599 Email: blake@downtowndc.org (See attached file: Storage\_Tent\_10-19-11.JPG)(See attached file: Excessive Trash 10-19-11.JPG)(See attached file: Generator\_2 10-19-11.JPG) (See attached file: occupy\_dc\_10\_19\_11.JPG)(See attached file: ODC generator.JPG) Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS

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To Lisa Mendelson-ielmini

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Subject NAMA Meeting Cancelled

Bob and Team are crunched for time. I rescheduled for tomorrow at 8 AM (only time he could meet). Two issues from my perspective to discuss - Wiss, Janney report on WAMO (I will send copy to you) and McPherson/Freedom Plaza protest status.

Steve Whitesell National Park Service Regional Director National Capital Region



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"Myers, Randolph" <RANDOLPH.MYERS@sol.d oi.gov> 11/01/2011 09:40 AM

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- cc "Vogel, Bob A." <Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov>, "Harasek, Kathleen" <Kathleen\_Harasek@nps.gov>, "Owen, Robbin" <Robbin\_Owen@nps.gov>, "Whitesell, Steve E." bcc

Subject RE: Occupy movement

Greg: I'll be glad to brief Polly on the various legal aspects to the issue. I'll be available today after 11:30; tomorrow from 8-9:20, 3-4:20; Wednesday 8-9:20, 11:30-4:30.

Randy

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From: Lawler, Gregory R Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 9:05 AM To: Myers, Randolph Subject: Occupy movement

Randy,

If you are available, Polly is requesting that I schedule you for a short briefing (maybe 10 minutes) on the "occupy" movement and how DOI is addressing it.

Thanks, Greg

Greg Lawler Chief, Operations and Policy Office of Law Enforcement and Security Department of the Interior Washington, D.C. (202) 208-1570 Greg\_Lawler@ios.doi.gov



Sue Masica/AKSO/NPS 10/28/2011 05:37 PM

To Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc "Chris Lehnertz" <Chris\_Lehnertz@nps.gov>, "David Vela" <David\_Vela@nps.gov>, "Dennis Reidenbach" <Dennis\_Reidenbach@nps.gov>, "John Wessels"

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Subject Re: Occupy Movement

#### Here's the Alaska version ... :)



Sue Masica Regional Director, Alaska National Park Service 240 W. 5th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501 ph: (907) 644-3510 fax: (907) 644-3816

Peggy O'Dell Had a few minutes this afternoon to line up the s... 10/28/2011 12:46:31 PM

Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS 10/28/2011 12:46 PM



To "Sue Masica" <sue\_masica@nps.gov>, "Dennis Reidenbach" <Dennis\_Reidenbach@nps.gov>, "Steve Whitesell" <Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov>, "David Vela" <David\_Vela@nps.gov>, "Michael Reynolds"



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<Rick\_Obernesser@nps.gov>
Subject Occupy Movement

Had a few minutes this afternoon to line up the solicitor who will be available to consult with us should any more Occupy events happen soon. Please use me as POC and we can engage Randy Myers as necessary. Randy's cell number is the spretty used to late night calls from USPP! Hopefully we won't need to bother him this weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS

11/07/2011 12:59 PM

To Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini/NCR/NPS@NPS

cc bcc

Subject Re: Fw: Protesters

You probably saw the article in the Post about a protester being hit up by the Convention Center. Sounds like the natives are getting restless.

Steve Whitesell National Park Service Regional Director National Capital Region

Lisa Mendelson-lelmini Fyi



Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS 11/07/2011 12:50 PM

To "Steve Whitesell" <Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov> cc

11/07/2011 12:50:27 PM

Subject Fw: Protesters

Fyi Lisa A Mendelson-Ielmini, AICP Deputy Regional Director National Capital Region NPS 202 619 7023 office

----- Original Message -----From: "AlertDC" [alert25806@alert.ema.dc.gov] Sent: 11/07/2011 12:37 PM EST To: "Transportation Alert Recipients" <rsan@alert.ema.dc.gov> Subject: Protesters

MPD reports approximately 75 protesters in the area of McPherson Square. They are reported to be in the 800 block of L Street NW blocking traffic in both directions. Please avoid the area.

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#### Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS



11/09/2011 12:04 PM

To Tonya Thomas/NACC/NPS@NPS, Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS@NPS, Steve Lorenzetti/NACC/NPS@NPS, Ann Bowman cc

bcc

Subject The Nov 15, 8 a.m. mtg re Occupied DC will be held in the NCR conf room. TONYA-plse inform USPP. Thanks!

Judy Bowman Staff Assistant Office of the Regional Director National Capital Region (office) 202-619-7023 (fax) 202-619-7220

Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS

11/08/2011 03:46 PM

To Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS

cc bcc

Subject Occupy concern

MPD has requested to come on to park property and issue a flyer regarding DC laws this evening at McPherson. We( USPP and NAMA) have indicated our preference that MPD not do this as we think it has potential to escalate the tenuous relationship between MPD and occupy. We are not sure whether MPD will honor our request. I have asked that if anything goes wrong not to call us in the middle of the movie tonight! We are preparing to brief you next Tuesday morning on the latest action steps with the USA and solicitors and the District Court.

Robert A. Vogel Superintendent National Mall and Memorial Parks (202) 245-4661 HAT DOWN PARTIES ANTICE ANTICE ANTICE Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS

11/15/2011 03:42 PM

To "Bob Vogel" <Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov>

cc bcc

Subject Fw: Conference Call this afternoon about Occupy DC

Per conversation

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device Claire Rozdilski

----- Original Message -----From: Claire Rozdilski Sent: 11/15/2011 03:22 PM EST To: Steve Whitesell; Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini; Teresa Chambers; Maureen Foster; Alma Ripps; Sue Waldron Cc: Tasha Robbins Subject: Conference Call this afternoon about Occupy DC Good afternoon,

The conference call today will be at 5pm. Call in information: 866-767-0316. Participant code: 9312232, and in Peggy's office for those at MIB.

Please be patient if the Director and Peggy are not on the call right at 5 - they are at an off-site meeting till 4:30 and need time to get back to the office...

Thanks! Claire

Claire C. Rozdilski National Park Service Staff Assistant to the Deputy Director, Operations 1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240 202-208-3818(Office)

202-208-7889 (Fax)



"Fondren, Kimberly" <Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov>

11/17/2011 01:23 PM

To "Myers, Randolph" <RANDOLPH.MYERS@sol.doi.gov>, "Lorenzetti, Steve" <Steve\_Lorenzetti@nps.gov>, "Vogel, Bob A." <Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov>, "Owen, Robbin" cc "Mendelson, Lisa" <Lisa\_Mendelson-lelmini@nps.gov>, "Whitesell, Steve E." <Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov>

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Subject RE: Draft Second Notice and revising the draft Executive Brief

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Kimberly Fondren

Attorney-advisor Division of Parks and Wildlife 202-208-4338

From: Myers, Randolph
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Lorenzetti, Steve; Vogel, Bob A.; Owen, Robbin; Harasek, Kathleen
Cc: Fondren, Kimberly; Mendelson, Lisa; Whitesell, Steve E.
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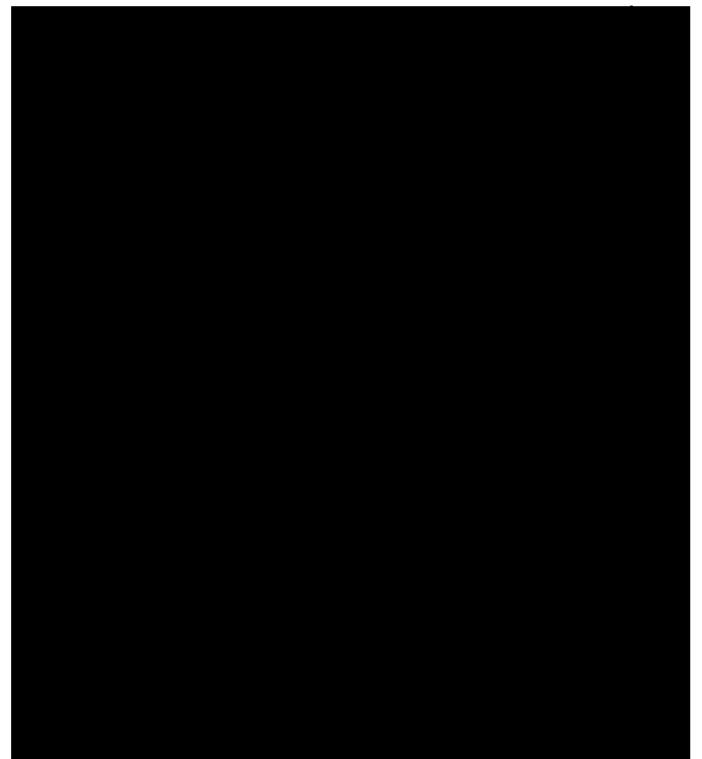


# Help Us Preserve Freedom Plaza and McPherson Square



National Mall and Memorial Parks – National Park Service

[Insert date]





Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS 11/17/2011 04:19 PM

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bcc

Subject Re: fyi: Draft Second Notice and revising the draft Executive Brief

My 2 comments are editorial --



Thanks for the chance to comment ....

~Lisa

Lisa A. Mendelson-Ielmini, AICP Deputy Regional Director National Park Service, National Capital Region 202-619-7000 office 202-297-1338 cell

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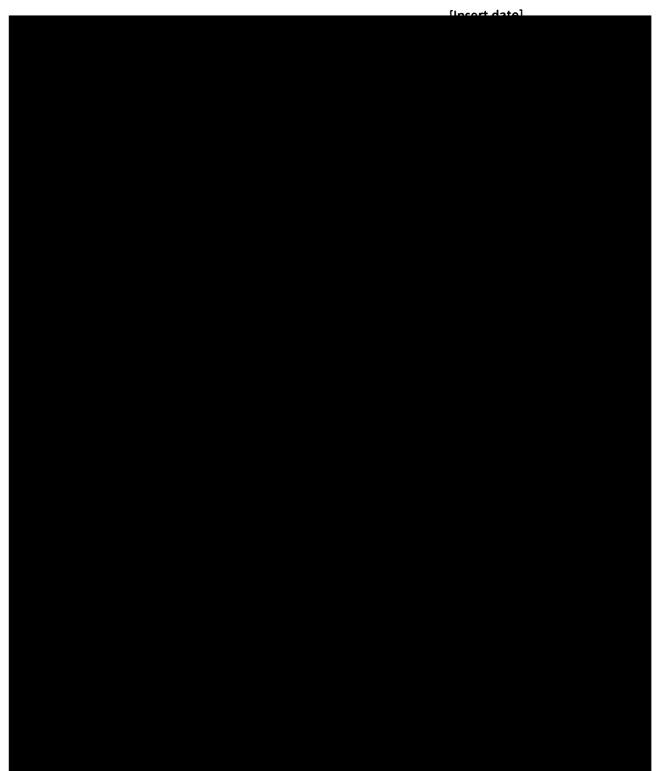
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# Help Us Preserve Freedom Plaza and McPherson Square



National Mall and Memorial Parks – National Park Service



Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS 11/17/2011 03:17 PM

То	"Steve Whitesell" <steve_whitesell@nps.gov>, "Bob Vogel" <bob_vogel@nps.gov>, "Teresa Chambers" <teresa_chambers@nps.gov></teresa_chambers@nps.gov></bob_vogel@nps.gov></steve_whitesell@nps.gov>
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Subject Fw: Fwd: Occupy

FYI. Be thinking about it please and talk with Solicitors as you have time.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: "Davis, Laura" [Laura\_Davis@ios.doi.gov] Sent: 11/17/2011 03:07 PM EST To: Maureen Foster; Peggy O'Dell Subject: Fwd: Occupy

Incoming. At retreat in WV will let you know what I get next.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Murphy, Christopher (EOM)" <<u>christopher.murphy@dc.gov</u>> Date: November 17, 2011 1:56:54 PM EST To: "Davis, Laura" <<u>Laura\_Davis@ios.doi.gov</u>> Subject: Occupy

Laura - We are watching them closely today. If they disrupt rush hour as has been suggested I think it is time we plan together for a serious change in how we have been approaching them in DC. We are increasingly concerned.

Thanks, Chris

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"Fondren, Kimberly" <Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov> 11/18/2011 03:43 PM

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- bcc

Subject RE: fyi: Draft Second Notice and revising the draft Executive Brief

I saw a previous draft that Randy worked on, this looks fine to me. Randy is out today. Kimberly Fondren Attorney-advisor Division of Parks and Wildlife 202-208-4338

From: Robbin\_Owen@nps.gov [Robbin\_Owen@nps.gov] Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 3:31 PM To: Myers, Randolph Cc: Vogel, Bob A.; Harasek, Kathleen; Fondren, Kimberly; Mendelson, Lisa; Lorenzetti, Steve; Whitesell, Steve E. Subject: Re: fyi: Draft Second Notice and revising the draft Executive Brief

Hi All would like to finalize and get this to the parks, I have made Lisa's revision. Have other edits been made?

Thanks, Robbin

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Simeon Klebaner/USPP/NPS 11/19/2011 07:58 PM To USPP Notifications

cc bcc

Subject NOTIFICATION- WASO Building-Franklin Park update

There were about 100-200 demonstrators in the area of the Franklin School 14th and K Street NW, and USPP received reports from NPS personnel that the demonstrators had occupied the WASO Building located at 1201 E st NW.

SWAT units are monitoring the demo and report from the scene that NO DEMONSTRATORS have occupied or attempted to occupy the building.

MPDC has made between 6-10 arrests for occupying the Franklin School, and the group has now left the area, and returned to McPherson Park. MPDC units are following the group, as are SFB units.

Once again to dispell any reports NO PROTESTERS HAVE OCCUPIED or ATEMPTED TO OCCUPY THE WASO BUILDING.

D-1 units will make frequent checks throughout the shift.

If further information develops additional notifications will be sent out.

Lieutenant Simeon Klebaner United States Park Police Shift Commander's Office Washington, DC 202-610-3505 office



Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS 11/21/2011 03:36 PM

Ann/John -- We promised to keep you in the loop so here goes ....

Recvd a call from Peggy requesting NAMA, USPP, and NCRO participation in a 6 pm mtg w. DC.

I know you are both out of the building right now but I wanted to let you know we're meeting @ 3:30 w/ USPP, SOL, and NAMA then to prepare for a 5 pm in Dep Dir O'Dell's office in preparation for the 6 pm that is expected to take place with the Mayor. It is expected that the same players will participate in all meetings.

If you are back, feel free to join us for the 3:30 which I've just confirmed w/ USPP, SOL, and NAMA (in 15 mins). We'll do the call on the RD line if you can/want to join in by phone: and code

Thanks, lisa

Lisa A. Mendelson-Ielmini, AICP Deputy Regional Director National Park Service, National Capital Region 202-619-7000 office

Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS 11/21/2011 04:10 PM

- To Robbin Owen/NCR/NPS@NPS, "randy new email myers" <Randolph.Myers@sol.doi.gov>
- cc Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS@NPS, Kathleen Harasek/USPP/NPS@NPS, "Fondren, Kimberly" <Kim.Fondren@sol.doi.gov>, Steve

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Resending from Robbin to all

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**Robbin Owen** 

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"Myers, Randolph" Attached, fyi and review, is my suggested Seco...



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# Simeon Klebaner/USPP/NPS To 11/21/2011 07:29 PM cc bcc Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS Subject Notification: Sexual Assault 1 Arrest McPherson Park

On Monday November 21, 2011 @ about 1733 Hours, D-1 units responded to McPherson Park for a report of a theft, that was documented on the daywork shift summary.

The adult male victim reported that someone had entered his tent and stolen some personal belongings.

At about 1915 hours, D-1 units returned to the park because the complainant reported that the suspect had returned. Upon arrival the complainant reported that during contact with the suspect, the suspect, also an adult male, grabbed his groin area in a sexual manner.

D-1 units arrived on the scene and now have an arrest for the theft and Sex Assault.

CIB Det. Sgt. Steinheimer was notified.

Case #61357, will be changed from Theft no arrest to Sexual Assault 1 arrest.

The stolen property has been returned to the owner.

Lieutenant Simeon Klebaner United States Park Police Shift Commander's Office Washington, DC 202-610-3505 office



Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS

11/22/2011 03:17 PM

- To david\_barna@nps.gov
- cc Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov

bcc

Subject Fw: Occupy DC - under age minors

Thanks, David, for helping to coordinate a conversation tomorrow. Just let me know when and I'll get the right folks there from Hains Pt. Thanks.

Lisa A. Mendelson-Ielmini, AICP **Deputy Regional Director** National Park Service, National Capital Region 202-619-7000 office

----- Forwarded by Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS on 11/22/2011 03:16 PM -----



Carter DeWitt <cdewitt@taxfoundation.org> 11/22/2011 02:31 PM

To "Mason, Charles (COUNCIL)" < CMason@DCCOUNCIL.US> cc "lisa\_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov" sa mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov>, "steve whiteseli@nps.gov" <steve\_whitesell@nps.gov>, "teresa\_chambers@nps.gov" <teresa\_chambers@nps.gov>, "bob\_vogel@nps.gov" <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, "nortonschedule@mail.house.gov" <nortonschedule@mail.house.gov>, "kbrown@dccouncil.us" <kbrown@dccouncil.us>, "ksibert@dccouncil.us" <ksibert@dccouncil.us>, "cmason@dccouncil.us" <cmason@dccouncil.us>, "jevans@dccouncil.us" <jevans@dccouncil.us>, "jgraham@dccouncil.us" <jgraham@dccouncil.us>, "mbowser@dccouncil.us" <mbowser@dccouncil.us>, "hthomas@dccouncil.us" <hthomas@dccouncil.us>, "mbrown@dccouncil.us" <mbrown@dccouncil.us>, "mcheh@dccouncil.us" <mcheh@dccouncil.us>, "dcatania@dccouncil.us" <dcatania@dccouncil.us> Subject RE: Occupy DC - under age minors

I have contacted all of these people you suggested - you all say the same sound bite - it is not our responsibilty and we can't fix it.

My answer, Charles, is yes you can. You can require them to pay fees for marching. You can require them to pay for the additional DC police on the streets the overtime and to pay for clean-up of the additional trash problems which blows into the streets.

This mess was allowed by a lack of leadership in both DC Council and Federal Parks. As a DC resident, a DC taxpayer, a federal taxpayer, a contributor to this city, I am asking you to fix your mess.

Cantor

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From: Mason, Charles (COUNCIL) [mailto:CMason@DCCOUNCIL.US]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 2:15 PM
To: Carter DeWitt; 'nortonschedule@mail.house.gov'
Cc: Brown, Kwame (COUNCIL); Vahey, Megan (Council); Sibert, Karen (Council)
Subject: RE: Occupy DC - under age minors

Ms. Laurie DeWitt:

On behalf of DC Council Chairman Kwame R. Brown, thank you for your email regarding Occupy DC at McPherson Square Park.

The Chairman shares your concerns. In that McPherson Square is federal property administered by the National Park Service and the National Park Police, we have been aggressively forward constituent concerns to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's Office; further, where there are criminal allegations such as yours, we also notify the Chief of the United States Park Police, Teresa Chambers.

Below is additional information which we hope will also be of assistance.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's email address: 'nortonschedule@mail.house.gov'

National Park Police website: <u>http://www.nps.gov/uspp/</u>

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Chairman Brown thanks you for reaching out to his office for assistance. If I can be of further help, my contact information is below.

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- To Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov
- cc Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov, Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov, david\_barna@nps.gov

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Subject Fw: McPherson Press Conference

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----- Forwarded by Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini/NCR/NPS on 11/22/2011 04:04 PM -----

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#### Robbin Owen/NCR/NPS 11/22/2011 03:40 PM

To Steve Lorenzetti/NACC/NPS@NPS

cc Karen Cucurullo/NACC/NPS@NPS, Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS@NPS Subject McPherson Press Conference

Good Afternoon, Marissa is at McPherson Square a press conference is taking place. They are still speaking and have not left McPherson. Approximately 10 local news media outlets are represented.

Robbin



Teresa Chambers/USPP/NPS

11/22/2011 05:57 PM

To Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS@NPS, RANDOLPH.MYERS@sol.doi.gov cc Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS@NPS, Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS, Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS@NPS, David

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Subject Fw: Who should write the response - Re: Occupy DC versus other park users - I count too!

Lisa -- This bounced back the first time (I believe Ms. DeWitt has misspelled your name). Randy -- I'm not confident yours arrived successfully either.

Please review email below. I look forward to your thoughts! Thanks.

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Chief Teresa C. Chambers United States Park Police 1100 Ohio Drive, SW Washington, DC 20024 202-619-7350 ----- Forwarded by Teresa Chambers/USPP/NPS on 11/22/2011 05:54 PM -----



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Subject Re: Conference call Wednesday morning on Occupy DC issues

Thanks, Lisa. I'll be handling a grievance hearing starting at 9, but I'll be sure to have a command representative on the call.

Teresa

Teresa Chambers, Chief United States Park Police Work: 202-619-7350



From: Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini
Sent: 11/22/2011 07:53 PM EST
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Subject: Fw: Conference call Wednesday morning on Occupy DC issues

Fyi to keep everyone in the loop.... We'll circle back after the call. Lisa A Mendelson-Ielmini, AICP Deputy Regional Director National Capital Region NPS 202 619 7023 office

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#### All

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Here's our office call in line that we can use for a conference call

David

Carter DeWitt <cdewitt@taxfound <u>ation.org</u>> To <u>"lisa\_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov</u>" 11/22/2011 01:49 <<u>lisa\_mendelson-ielmini@nps.gov</u>> PM cc

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bcc

Subject Re: Occupy DC Update

Update:

At 8PM approximately 40 Occupy DC protesters arrived in Simon Bolivar Park and protested along 18th and C Street until 9PM.

Protesters have cleared the area.

Kathleen Harasek

----- Original Message -----From: Kathleen Harasek Sent: 11/22/2011 09:03 PM EST

To: Patrick Smith; Robert MacLean; Jeanne O'Toole; Teresa Chambers; Pamela Blyth; Karen Cucurullo; Steve Lorenzetti; Bob Vogel; Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini; Steve Whitesell; Peggy O'Dell; "Randolph Myers" <RANDOLPH\_MYERS@sol.doi.gov> Subject: Occupy DC Update

Groups from NY and VA merged with DC and held a press conference in McPherson Square @ 1430 without incident.

Group plans indicated a march to Freedom Plaza, continuing onto the Capitol and Mali area for a "temporary occupation". USPP units continue to monitor the group which has not left their visit at Freedom Plaza. Group numbers approximately 30 - much lower than anticipated. Other Occupy DC persons are taking part in First Amendment Activities in conjunction with GOP Debate

at Constitution Hall.

No activity on Mall or Grant Statue.

MPD reports of tents in Franklin Park are unfounded (monitoring Twitter traffic). ---eor/kah

Capt. Kathleen Harasek U.S. Park Police 202-426-6710 Kathleen Harasek/USPP/NPS



11/23/2011 08:58 AM

#### To Peggy O'Dell/NCR/NPS@NPS, Teresa Chambers/USPP/NPS@NPS, Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS, Lisa cc bcc

Subject #1 McPherson/Freedom Daily

All significant information regarding yesterday's activities were relayed though email notification last night.

Overnight, the groups continue to occupy both sites and the following were notable;

- Freedom Plaza/Disorderly Conduct USPP responded for a dispute involving group leaders and an
  individual from outside the group. Report indicate that the "outsider" had broken into locks on the light
  poles in an attempt to obtain power for tents. Suspect has been identified and USPP will follow up.
- Freedom Plaza/Damage to Govt. Property (6) electrical boxes were broken into to facilitate obtaining
  power for the group. NPS Maint notified and following up. USPP will follow up to determine value of
  damages.
- McPherson/Disorderly Conduct Verbal argument between two occupants; one of which wanted access into a tent which was denied. Both parties identified, checked for warrants warned and separated.

Occupy DC may march to Union Square/US Capitol at 0900. No activity to support this observed yet, USPP in contact with MPD and USCP for coordination.

Captain Kathleen Harasek Commander, Central District U.S. Park Police 202-426-6710 (office)

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Lisa Mendelson-lelmini/NCR/NPS 11/23/2011 11:53 AM

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Thanks everyone for coming together for the call this morning.

Karen Cucurullo, Kathy Harasek, and I just wrapped up this DRAFT for everyone's review. As we discussed on the call, this is intended to be broad so that it may be repurposed for other inquiries.

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If you do have comments, please use TRACK CHANGES so we'll be able to pick them out. In order to respond today, I'd ask that everyone read and review as soon as possible, no later than 2 pm.

I'm in the office and you can reach me at the numbers below if you'd like to talk about this.

Thanks everyone for your participation and thoughts,

~Lisa

Lisa A. Mendelson-lelmini, AICP Deputy Regional Director National Park Service, National Capital Region 202-619-7000 office

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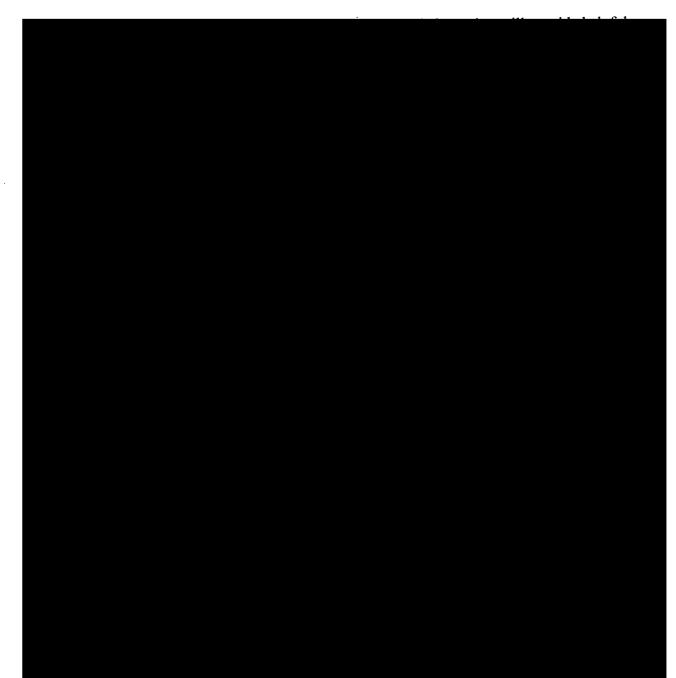
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To Claire Rozdilski/WASO/NPS@NPS, Karen Cucurullo/NACC/NPS@NPS, Maureen Foster/WASO/NPS@NPS, Steve cc Judy Bowman/NCR/NPS@NPS

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Subject Re: Meeting with KLS

I will be on travel on Monday back in office on tuesday. Claire Rozdilski

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----- Original Message -----

From: Claire Rozdilski

Sent: 11/23/2011 02:02 PM EST

To: Bob Vogel; Karen Cucurullo; Maureen Foster; Steve Lorenzetti; Steve

Whitesell

Cc: Judy Bowman

Subject: Re: Meeting with KLS
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Unless there are strong objections, I'd like to schedule this at 2:00pm on Monday, November 28. Will you all be coming over here, or shall I set up a call in number?

Thanks! And Happy Thanksgiving!

Claire

Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS



Peggy O'Dell/WASO/NPS

11/23/2011 12:12 PM

- To Steve\_Lorenzetti@nps.gov, Karen\_Cucurullo@nps.gov, Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS@NPS, Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov
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Subject Meeting with KLS

Thank you all for the scramble to answer a few questions for me prior to this meeting. It went well,



Claire will

you get 30 minutes early next week for this please? Thank you.

Hope all of you have a relaxing day tomorrow and come back strong next week!

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Peggy O'Dell

#### Deputy Director, Operations

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Kathleen Harasek/USPP/NPS

11/24/2011 08:09 AM

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Subject #2 McPherson/Freedom Daily

No significant criminal incidents at either location.

- Within the last 24 hours members of Occupy DC conducted a March to the Capitol that was monitored by USPP assets as it moved through areas of primary jurisdiction. USPP continues to work with MPD and US Capitol Police as necessary during movements.
- There was a permit dispute at Freedom Plaza regarding dual use for events scheduled today. NAMA and USPP met with both parties and were able to effectively resolve issues. USPP and NAMA will monitor site today during event.
- Destruction of government property reported yesterday based on initial reports was found to be not
  entirely accurate after further investigation. Access to panels had been allowed in some areas and
  unapproved access was obtained in others. NAMA has identified a specific number of panels that will
  be available to permittee, all others will be configured to restrict access.
- Routine patrols conducted without incident.

Interesting links: Occupy DC Daily Schedule: www.occupydc.org Article regarding DC expenditures for Occupy DC protests: http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/dc/2011/11/district-spending-22000-day-occupy

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Robbin Owen/NCR/NPS 11/24/2011 08:37 AM

To Leonard Lee/NCR/NPS@NPS, Marisa Richardson/NACC/NPS@NPS, Karen Cucurullo/NACC/NPS@NPS, Steve сс

bcc

Subject McPherson & Freedom 2nd Notice to Demonstration groups

Good Morning All,

The second notice to demonstration groups at McPherson Square and Freedom Plaza is finalize and has been place on the NAMA website. Staff will deliver and post the notices by 9:00 am on Friday morning.



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## Help Us Preserve Freedom Plaza and

### **McPherson Square**



National Mall and Memorial Parks - National Park Service

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The National Park Service has a long and proud tradition of providing opportunities for the exercise of First Amendment rights. The national parks of Washington, DC are used almost every day as places for demonstrations as well as for the enjoyment and use of other park visitors. The National Park Service is also required to protect our important cultural and natural resources. To help you help us with that responsibility and ensure your compliance with park regulations, we are providing this additional reminder for visitors using the parks regardless of the reason for their visit.

While the National Park Service has provided additional trash receptacles and emptied them at least three times per day at Freedom Plaza and McPherson Square, problems associated with inappropriate food storage and disposal has resulted in rodent sightings. While the National Park Service has placed rodent traps in these parks, people should renew efforts to have their trash and debris cleared and placed in park trash receptacles at the conclusion of each day's events. The United States Park Police remains committed to ensuring safety within these parks and will increase their patrol activities, especially due to increasing problems of public urination and defecation, illegal drug and alcohol use, and assaults.

Camping continues to be prohibited. Camping is defined at 36 CFR § 7.96(i)(1) as "the use of park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping) or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking..."

The use of temporary structures for camping continues to be prohibited. 36 CFR § 7.96(5)(iv) allows temporary structures as part of a permitted demonstration "for the purpose of symbolizing a message or meeting logistical needs such as first aid facilities, lost children areas or the provision of shelter for electrical and other sensitive equipment or displays." However, "[t]emporary structures may not be used outside designated camping areas for living accommodation activities such as sleeping, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging...." In addition, to allow for visual inspection and monitoring, all temporary structures must continue to have at least one open side.

National Park Service rangers will be distributing this Notice to persons in both parks as well as each temporary structure. The Notice will also be posted in both parks. National Park Service rangers and United States Park Police officers will continue to monitor the activities within the park, to ensure compliance with health and safety issues and to answer questions. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the Notice, please contact Robbin Owen, Chief, Permits Management at 202-245-4715. A copy of this Notice has been posted on the park's website at www.nps.gov/nacc/parkmgmt.



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Subject Fw: Occupy DC versus other park users - I count too!

Ms Dewitt:

On behalf of the National Mall and Memorial Parks Superintendent Robert Vogel, United States Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers, Regional Director, National Capital Region, Steve Whitesell, and Deputy Regional Director, National Capital Region, Lisa Mendelson-lelmini, I offer this response to your letter.

Thank you for your inquiry, it is our hope that the following information will provide helpful information on the role and responsibilities of the National Park Service (NPS) and its United States Park Police (USPP) and the actions we are taking to address your concerns.

The National Park Service has a long and proud tradition of providing opportunities for the exercise of First Amendment rights. The national parks of Washington, DC, are used almost daily as places for reflection, commemoration, recreational activities, demonstrations, and public events and by citizens such as you who use the parks for personal enjoyment. The National Park Service protects and interprets our important cultural and natural resources, and the United States Park Police ensure the safety and security of park resources as well as persons who use the common space.

While the sudden appearance of the "encampment" is disturbing to many, the courts have ruled that temporary structures that support First Amendment activities are allowed. As a result, enforcement action in this area is limited and challenging. The USPP will continue to focus their enforcement efforts on illegal behaviors and activities that are observed and reported.

Since the beginning of the activities in McPherson Square and Freedom Plaza, the National Park Service has provided additional trash receptacles and has emptied them at least three times each day. Rodent traps have been placed in the parks, and those who are maintaining a vigil within the park have been requested to clear their trash and debris at the conclusion of each day's events. Portable toilet facilities have been placed within the park at the NPS's request and at the organizer's expense. Please contact the National Mall and Memorial Parks if there are additional concerns that have not been addressed at 202-245-4661.

The USPP has been working with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) on monitoring the groups' activities within the city, and the USPP regularly patrols our parks to enforce laws and regulations and those that specifically affect the quality of life. We encourage the public to contact the USPP to report criminal activity or quality of life violations at 202-610-7500 so that individuals responsible for these violations can be identified and appropriate action taken.

We appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns. If there is any way we may be of further assistance in providing information and insight, please let us know. The NPS and the USPP remain committed to the citizens who live near, work near, or use the parks for their enjoyment. We routinely meet with the business community and would be willing to attend citizen group meetings if you think this would be valuable in maintaining our relationships.

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## Just spent 50 minutes being transferred from one national park department to the other - no one taking responsibility for this mess you all have created.

I have been a resident of DC for three years. In that time I have paid my fair share of federal and DC taxes, donated to charities and supported several volunteer efforts. I live across from McPherson Square Park and almost every Saturday took my book into the book and read. Almost every night I would feed the ducks with bread I purchased at CVS. I fed the squirrels with the nuts Peapod delivered to my door. I am a single mom – my husband passed away six years ago - and I work very hard to pay for two children in college and keep a roof over my head. **Do you have any idea how hard that is to do?** I am not some spoiled trust fund baby.

Now the ducks are gone, the squirrels are gone and my park bench no longer available thanks to by Occupy DC. The grass is ruined, the trash is horrendous and the rat population has at least tripled. At night I get to listen to their parties, I see under age minors camping there without adult supervision. I get to hear sex, see public urination and be subjected to early morning drums when I

have my one day off – Saturday. Even worse is the knowledge that my tax dollars support this irresponsible behavior by the city and federal park service and that you provide police protection to them as they march and as they disturb my peace, my travel to and from work.

Sounds to me like you don't recognize who votes for you – and who butters your bread with their labor. It isn't Occupy DC – it isn't the new generation of class warfare you are propping up - it is me. I am disgusted. I am angry and want this to end. Yesterday I read that the Occupy DC residents at McPherson Square expect to stay into next year. I sincerely hope this is not the case. They need to go home and have someone else support them if they are not willing to work. I have no desire to pay for this via my tax dollars you take from me in so many ways. They do not have a permit and it is unlawful for them to be there. If I tried to camp in one of these parks you would make me leave -

There are thousands of us unhappy and complaining about them -- why are you not hearing us?

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