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National Park Service Seeks Second Round of Nominations to Federal Advisory Commission for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service is again seeking nominations for individuals to be considered for appointment to the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission. Appointments to the 15-member federal advisory commission serve terms of four years. Written nominations are being accepted until June 30, 2015.

The NPS previously sought nomination to the commission in August 2014 but did not receive a sufficient pool of potential candidates to move forward with a selection.

Congress authorized the commission on December 11, 1991, for the purpose of advising the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the management and development of the historic site. The commission retains three seats for members of the general public in addition to three members appointed from recommendations submitted by the National Council of Negro Women, two members appointed from recommendations submitted by other national organizations in which Mary McLeod Bethune played a leadership role, three members with professional experience in archival management, two members with professional expertise in historic preservation and two members with expertise in African American women's history. Individuals currently registered as a federal lobbyists are ineligible for appointment.

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, located at 1318 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., interprets the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune, the National Council of Negro Women and other associated Civil Rights organizations and leaders.

Nominations should be typed and must include: a brief summary (no more than two pages) explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the commission; a resume or curriculum vitae; and at least one letter of reference. Send complete nomination packages to Gopaul Noojibail, Superintendent, National Capital Parks-East, National Park Service, Attention: Vicky Gammon, Chief of Staff, 1900 Anacostia, Drive, SW, Washington, D.C. 20020. All required documents must be compiled and submitted in one complete nomination package. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Nominations must be received by June 30, 2015.

For more information about submitting nominations, please contact Vicky Gammon at (202) 690-5193 or email NACE_Superintendent@nps.gov.