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OPO Ground Lease - Signage

3 messages

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Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 10:50 AM

To: Mina Wright <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

The section in the Ground LEase related to signage is in Article II - Section 2.7. I can tell you that this language was primarily drafted for once the hotel opened and not envision or discussed in the context of temp construction signage, but I supposed this would be the default section to cover all signage.

Signs.

Tenant shall have the exclusive right to use all portions of the Improvements, including all interior and exterior walls of the Improvements, for signs pertaining to the business conducted by Tenant or Space Tenants on the Premises (and/or the Off-Site Areas) which signs shall comply with all Required Permits and Approvals, provided, however, that the aesthetics and location of any signage affixed to the exterior of the building, and its compatibility with historic and cultural aspects of the Federal Triangle shall be subject to the prior written approval of Landlord, and any other applicable Governmental Authority and applicable rules and regulations.

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Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 10:55 AM

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Ok. What's the contract number?

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That section is on page 31 of the document...

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[http://www.gsa.gov/portal/mediald/182239/fileName/Segment_001_of_OPO_Ground_Lease_\(2013\).action](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/mediald/182239/fileName/Segment_001_of_OPO_Ground_Lease_(2013).action)

Contract # - GS-LS-11-1307

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Building Identification Signage

17 messages

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All,

I wanted to touch base with you about temporary signage during construction. Through the NPS we are requesting a permit for Trump to put up a construction fence/sidewalk shed to run along PA Ave on the sidewalk.

The NPS permit says no signage, but Trump has insisted that they need to be able to add signage to identify the building. NPS has some willingness to allow some type of signage, but I wanted to check with you all on what (if anything) would be required for other regulatory folks.

NCPC, CFA or through 106 requirements for signage to go on the sidewalk bridge parapet?

Thoughts?

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My thoughts:

In my experience, temporary construction fences and associated signs are not reviewed by the review agencies.

BUT it's Penn Ave and involves an NPS permit, so I think we should write the agencies submission-type letters explaining what will be done and what it will look like. If the agencies elect to take the fence/signs through their boards, then they will do so but otherwise they will handle at staff level.

CFA meets mid-July, so we should have some kind of a submission for them by end of June. (fence location in plan, sign location and text, photo of location of sign indicating protection of Ben Franklin and protection of sidewalk pavers)

NCPC doesn't meet again (for us to submit in time) until first week of Sept. I assume they would sign off at staff level, all things considered.

We should send the package to SHPO first, being assiduous under the terms of the PA.

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I agree with Nancy...if it weren't for the NPS no-signage condition, I'd install (reserving the right with Trump to approve the signage within GSA first, of course!) and beg for forgiveness later if there were to be a flap. But why invite trouble?

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Sounds like consensus. I know they are going to love this one!

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well shoot, wouldn't want things to get too cozy and agreeable, now would we?

speaking of which...Edmund: where are we on the 90% set?

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- 1) my first thought: is there a way we can get Trump to agree not to put signs on anything on the scaffolding on NPS land -- then you don't have to discuss it with another agency. Or is the PA corridor enough to trigger reviews notwithstanding? There are perhaps opportunities on the building that we could discuss.
- 2) BUT We'd then have to negotiate where and how much they might put signage else where. AND what it would look like.
- 3) I would also point to the current flap over signage on the T R U M P tower in Chicago, since it is an item in the media RIGHT NOW (with an all-caps kind of coverage to match the sign). Any kind of signage has the possibility of being a danger point.

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Signs on the building itself might still trigger SHPO and federal agency review-- and I think would be more analogous to the situation in Chicago than a sign on a construction fence.

I think we should stick with our policy of relative transparency with our review agency partners, especially at the front end of this project. We may well have to "beg forgiveness" for something later!

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Wait, what? 90%?

The outstanding issues are, historic and fire protection.

On Fire Life Safety, the path forward is to allow Trump to move forward testing locations in the building for running the pipes into the corridors, and both sides agreeing that sprinklers have to end up with the code required heights in the corridors at the Cortile.

The final details and drawings on this will not be available until later this summer. We have to also require that final approval be delayed to a review of the sprinkler shop - drawings before they proceed with installation. Both historic folks as well as Laura will have to review & approve them. This approach allows us to 'carve' out the sprinklers from an early NTP in a definable way.

I think they have moved enough in the areas accessibility, the curtain wall, and other 'trade' groups to allow an NTP with final approval on a later set. These areas don't seem to be so much at issue.

Historic Preservation is still a 'sticky' issue. Trump doesn't want to 'proceed' with construction until the Tax Credits are approved. But this is still at least 30-60 days away.

We do not have final designs to approve on the 5th floor spaces, as Ivanka, Hany, and the rest of the design team met on site last week to discuss, review and revise their design concepts.

Then Trump would re-submit the drawings to SHPO & NPS, further delaying the Tax Credits and further pushing off their own construction start?

So I don't have a way to 'carve' these issues out of an NTP yet. Need guidance from you and Nancy on this.

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nancy (et al),
isn't there a way to set aside the hp issues that are most important and tie to a milestone, then condition progress beyond that point on acceptance of their final designs?

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very rational...but per your own number 3, now's not the time for rational discourse when the sentence includes signage and Trump!

i vote for the conservative approach, shocking as that sounds.

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I'm glad to discuss options – it will be two weeks before we know the first findings of the sprinkler locations and longer before we see revised 5th floor plans, but there may be an earlier milestone.

There was virtually nothing in the "revised" 90% plans to cover the comments I made on the original 90% plans, as Trump hasn't had sufficient time to revise. (Laura had similar response)

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that's why i'm asking...from what i understood, there were significant portions of the 90% set simply missing - so i had assumed we'd set dates to receive their responses to our AWOL comments.

are you saying (Edmund) that the next steps aren't scheduled per se? what am i not understanding?

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Mina,

Can you join us on our weekly telephone call to discuss tomorrow @ 10 AM?

Sent from mobile

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Mina -

If you want to join our internal call we are on it now - the call in number is 1 (b) (6) Passcode (b) (6). If not, we can certainly schedule something for another time today or tomorrow.

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can't - i declined bc i'm in mobile workplace bi-weekly

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Construction Sign

1 message

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Tue, Jul 1, 2014 at 9:21 AM

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Here is our typical construction sign
Brett

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Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 8:50 AM

My name is (b) (6). I am a reporter at WAMU 88.5 news, the NPR station in Washington DC. I am writing to inquire about the TRUMP sign that is sitting on your property as part of the Old Post Office Hotel Project. Given Mr. Trump's candidacy for the GOP Presidential nomination I was wondering of the sign is political advertising and if you are concerned you may be breaking the law. We would like to interview the appropriate people at NPS and GSA regarding this matter.

Thanks

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Mike,
Who should I be directing these?
Thanks,
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Kamara Jones, our press officer in CO.
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Cc: Michael McGill <michael.mcgill@gsa.gov>

Kamara/Mafara,

Per direction from Mike, I wanted to confirm that I should direct all correspondence on the project from the press (or private inquiries - which I got one as well) to you all.

I am hopeful that you think it is appropriate for me to respond via email to both inquiries as they came in to me and provide your contact information.

Please advise how I should proceed.

Thanks,
Brett

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From: (b) (6)

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Karen,

I am going to direct Mr. Tull from NPR to my office of communication and more specifically Ms. Kamara Jones.

We are looking into how to properly respond to the inquiry from Ms. Bell.

Please let me know if you all would like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks,
Brett

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Mr. Tull,

Thank you for your email. All correspondence with the press is handled through GSA's Office of Communications and Marketing. Please find the contact information for Ms. Kamara Jones who can formally respond to your inquiry.

Kamara Jones

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Warm Regards,

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Thank you, Brett. Hi, (b) (6). Thank you for reaching out.

Off the Record

While I do not think GSA is in violation of the law in this instance, I am working to confirm this with the Office of the Counsel. My hope is to get an on-the-record answer to you by the end of the day.

Kamara

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Thanks so much for the quick response

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Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:51 PM

To: armando <(b) (6)@gmail.com>

Bcc: brett.banks@gsa.gov

Hi, Armando. See the response below. You can attribute it to me.

The U.S. General Services Administration routinely allows signage to be placed in front of major construction sites to inform the public about the work that is happening on the site and who is doing the work. At present, there is signage, which has been in place since September 2014, in front of the historic Old Post Office (OPO) in downtown Washington indicating that it is being converted to a luxury hotel by the Trump organization. The signage is not political advertising; it merely informs the public about the renovation of the OPO into a luxury hotel.

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**Brett Banks - WPT-C** <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Construction Sign

5 messages

Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 12:15 PM

To: Shapour Ebadi <shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov>, Edmund Newman - WPS <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Can you send a shot of a construction sign outside of one of our sites? Trying to provide an example to Trump

—
Brett Banks

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Edmund Newman - WPS <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 12:29 PM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Cc: Shapour Ebadi <shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov>

normally, we try NOT to take that picture....

Looking around my 'archives' to see what I can find....

Somewhere there is the standard for signage what was developed for that ARRA projects. Those were the flashiest signs we ever did.

Previous to those, the signs were just a listing of project name, The administrator, and maybe the architect, contractor

etc without any graphics, or perhaps a small rendering of the proposed project.

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Doug Nelson - WPCB <doug.nelson@gsa.gov>

Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 1:45 PM

To: Brett Banks <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Cc: Shapour Ebadi <shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov>

Brett, here are the guidelines on GSA Construction Signs and a picture of a construction sign.

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From: **Shapour Ebadi - WPS** <shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov>

Date: Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 12:17 PM

Subject: Fwd: Construction Sign
To: Doug Nelson - WPCB <doug.nelson@gsa.gov>

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>
Date: June 30, 2014 at 12:15:54 PM EDT
To: Shapour Ebadi <shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov>, Edmund Newman - WPS <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>
Subject: Construction Sign

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Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>
To: Kevin Terry <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jul 9, 2014 at 2:30 PM

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From: **Doug Nelson - WPCB** <doug.nelson@gsa.gov>

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Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>
To: Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:40 PM

Some other stuff

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Subject: Fwd: Construction Sign

To: Brett Banks <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Cc: Shapour Ebadi <shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov>

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Concept for Sidewalk Bridge Signage

5 messages

(b) (6) <(b) (6)@trumporg.com>
To: Brett Banks <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 24, 2014 at 5:09 PM

Brett,

Please find attached an initial concept that we were considering for the signage. Please do not share this more broadly as we will want to refine it before sharing with others, but it gives you the concept.

Thanks,

Dave

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Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>
To: Mina Wright <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 11:38 AM

Here is what I had shown you earlier. Dave had asked that I now distribute, but you certainly need to have this for our discussion at 12

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Mina Wright - WPD <mina.wright@gsa.gov>
To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 11:52 AM

yup. i saw this last week...just to be sure made a quick call to tom again this morning; gut check returned concurring diagnosis!

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Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>
To: Danielle Breaux - WPS-C <danielle.breaux@gsa.gov>

Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 11:53 AM

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@trumporg.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 24, 2014 at 5:09 PM
Subject: Concept for Sidewalk Bridge Signage
To: Brett Banks <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

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To: Kevin Terry <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

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**Brett Banks - WPT-C** <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Fwd: Trump sign

22 messages

Mafara Hobson - Z <mafara.hobson@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 9:50 AM

To: Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>, Tony Costa - AG <tony.costa@gsa.gov>, Michael Gelber - PD <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Tony/Gelber/Brett

You guys hear anything about Trump signage violating historic regs? See below.

Mafara Hobson

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From: **Sherwood, Tom (NBCUniversal)** (b) (6) >

Date: Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 7:46 AM

Subject: Trump sign

To: "dan.cruz@gsa.gov" <dan.cruz@gsa.gov>, Mafara Hobson - ACS <mafara.hobson@gsa.gov>

I'm being told huge Trump billboard at Old Post Office violates Pa Ave historic district rules and should be taken down or reduced. what says GSA ?

Tom Sherwood

NBC4

Local Washington is only as good as the people active in it.

Tony Costa - AG <tony.costa@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 9:52 AM

To: Mafara Hobson - Z <mafara.hobson@gsa.gov>

Cc: Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>, Michael Gelber - PD <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

I don't know anything directly, but I know NCR dealt with this issue and I'm assuming temporary signage rules are different than permanent.

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Tony Costa

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FedScape Project

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Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 9:54 AM

To: Mina Wright <mina.wright@gsa.gov>, Darren Blue - WP <darren.blue@gsa.gov>

Looping you all in. I expected we would see something like this.

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Brett Banks

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Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:02 AM

To: Timothy Tozer <timothy.tozer@gsa.gov>, Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

I think we have answered similar questions before. First, I don't think there is a "huge Trump billboard." I think it is more of a big sign like those used by Clark and others. I think we ended up being fine with the interim signage and I am not aware of any "Pa Ave historic district rules" related to this. Please refresh my memory.

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From: **Michael Gelber - PD** <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>

Date: Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 9:52 AM

Subject: Fwd: Trump sign

To: Darren Blue <darren.blue@gsa.gov>, Barry Segal <barry.segal@gsa.gov>, Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Cc: Mafara Hobson - ACS <Mafara.Hobson@gsa.gov>

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From: "Mafara Hobson - Z" <mafara.hobson@gsa.gov>

Date: Jun 16, 2015 9:50 AM

Subject: Fwd: Trump sign

To: "Kamara Jones - ZBB" <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>, "Tony Costa - AG" <tony.costa@gsa.gov>, "Michael Gelber - PD" <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>, "Brett Banks - WPT-C" <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

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Darren Blue - WP <darren.blue@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:06 AM

To: Michael Gelber - PD <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>, Mina Wright - WPD <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

Cc: Barry Segal <barry.segal@gsa.gov>, Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>, Mafara Hobson - ACS <Mafara.Hobson@gsa.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Aimee Whiteman - PM <aimee.whiteman@gsa.gov>, Kristi Tunstall - WPDC <kristi.tunstall@gsa.gov>

We had a chop on this sign months ago and subdued it drastically... Mina please fill the blanks on the suggestion that this violates preservation approvals....

/R
Darren

On Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 9:52 AM, Michael Gelber - PD <michael.gelber@gsa.gov> wrote:

See below.

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From: "Mafara Hobson - Z" <mafara.hobson@gsa.gov>

Date: Jun 16, 2015 9:50 AM

Subject: Fwd: Trump sign

To: "Kamara Jones - ZBB" <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>, "Tony Costa - AG" <tony.costa@gsa.gov>, "Michael Gelber - PD" <michael.gelber@gsa.gov>, "Brett Banks - WPT-C" <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Cc:

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Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:07 AM

To: Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Cc: Timothy Tozer <timothy.tozer@gsa.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Mina Wright - WPD <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

I don't believe its inconsistent with temporary construction elsewhere. Mina addressed it a few months back I think.

KT

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Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:14 AM

To: Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

Cc: Timothy Tozer <timothy.tozer@gsa.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Mina Wright - WPD <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

Yep. Darren just reached out to Mina.

Mina- Just answer Darren, not us. I am cced on that email trail and will loop in the guys.

Paula

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Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:14 AM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>, Timothy Tozer <timothe.tozer@gsa.gov>

FYI

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Tim Tozer - LR <timothe.tozer@gsa.gov>

Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:21 AM

To: Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Cc: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

OK, thanks. Thought Mina had coordinated with historic community.

Timothy C. Tozer

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 11:50 AM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Cc: Karen Cucurullo <Karen_Cucurullo@nps.gov>, Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>, "Gowen, Jeffrey" <jeff_gowen@nps.gov>

Mr. Tull just contacted me as well so, like yesterday, if you can loop us in with your discussions and draft statements, that would be beneficial.

Mike

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Mike Litterst

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 10:57 AM, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov> wrote:

Karen,  
I am going to direct Mr. Tull from NPR to my office of communication and more specifically Ms. Kamara Jones.

We are looking into how to properly respond to the inquiry from Ms. Bell.

Please let me know if you all would like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks,  
Brett

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 8:50 AM, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is (b) (6) I am a reporter at WAMU 88.5 news, the NPR station in Washington DC. I am writing to inquire about the TRUMP sign that is sitting on your property as part of the Old Post Office Hotel Project. Given Mr. Trump's candidacy for the GOP Presidential nomination I was wondering of the sign is political advertising and if you are concerned you may be breaking the law. We would like to interview the appropriate people at NPS and GSA regarding this matter.

Thanks

(b) (6)

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**Freelance Correspondent NPR**  
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**Kamara Jones - ZBB** <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:03 PM

To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Cc: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <Karen\_Cucurullo@nps.gov>, "Gowen, Jeffrey" <jeff\_gowen@nps.gov>

We will. In the meantime, can you check with your Office of the Counsel? A lot of our lawyers are out today and the quicker we can figure out what the answer is, the better.

Kamara

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**Kamara Jones**

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:04 PM

To: Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Cc: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <Karen\_Cucurullo@nps.gov>, "Gowen, Jeffrey" <jeff\_gowen@nps.gov>

Already sent it to our solicitors; I'll let you know what they say.

Mike

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Mike Litterst

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:50 PM

To: Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Cc: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <Karen_Cucurullo@nps.gov>, "Gowen, Jeffrey" <jeff_gowen@nps.gov>

Our Hatch Act Coordinator is checking this with the Office of Special Counsel. Hopefully we'll have something from then soon.

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:03 PM, Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov> wrote:

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To: Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Cc: Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Jeffrey Gowen <jeff\_gowen@nps.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

We are in the statement drafting stage. The short answer is that the sign doesn't violate any laws simply because of Trump's presidential announcement. Language and graphics are completely different from his campaign signage. Will send it to you...

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**Kamara Jones - ZBB** <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:07 PM

To: Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

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Here's what we plan to send. Will send at 4:30 if I don't hear from you.

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) routinely allows signage to be placed in front of major construction sites to inform the public about the work that is happening on the site and who is doing the work. At present, there is signage, which has been in place since September 2014, in front of the historic Old Post Office (OPO) in downtown Washington indicating that it is being converted to a luxury hotel by Trump. The signage is not political advertising; it merely informs the public about the renovation of the OPO building into a luxury hotel.

**Kamara**

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**Brett Banks - WPT-C** <brett.banks@gsa.gov>  
To: Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:08 PM

I am sure you have been on some emails that I have not, but wanted to share.

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From: **Kamara Jones - ZBB** <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>  
Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:07 PM  
Subject: Re: Trump sign

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
To: Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>  
Cc: Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Jeffrey Gowen <jeff\_gowen@nps.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:16 PM

Thanks, Kamara; looks good. One minor suggestion for the second to last sentence would be to refer to the corporate name: "...converted to a luxury hotel by the Trump Organization." At least I think that's the name; you know far better than I how they like to be referred to.

Mike

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Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:18 PM

To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Cc: Karen Cucurullo <karen_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Jeffrey Gowen <jeff_gowen@nps.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

It's actually "Trump Old Post Office LLC." That's what the Lease Agreement says. But I agree, just "Trump" is a little weird. I'll likely go with the Lease Agreement title.

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Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:33 PM

To: Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

I think the using the Trump Organization is better as well. I think the Trump Old Post Office LLC will only beg more questions and I would propose going with the suggestion from Michael.

For uninformed real estate folks I can hear questions like - why did you give the rights to use Old Post Office in the trade name?

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Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:38 PM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Agree in hindsight. Thanks.

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Kamara Jones - ZBB <kamara.jones@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 3:46 PM

To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Cc: Karen Cucurullo <karen_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Jeffrey Gowen <jeff_gowen@nps.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

In hindsight, we'll go with "organization." Sending now. Thanks again.

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Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov>

Tue, Jun 23, 2015 at 2:42 PM

To: Karen Cucurullo <karen_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Sean Kennealy <sean_kennealy@nps.gov>, Jeffrey Gowen <jeff_gowen@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer_Mummart@nps.gov>, Peter May <pmay@nps.gov>, Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

FYI - From last week's inquiry on the Trump sign at OPOT, the Office of Special Counsel has determined that the sign does NOT constitute prohibited political activity in violation of the Hatch Act (more below).

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
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From: **Currie, Scott** <[scott.currie@sol.doi.gov](mailto:scott.currie@sol.doi.gov)>

Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2015 at 2:31 PM

Subject: Re: Trump sign

To: Melinda Loftin <[melinda.loftin@sol.doi.gov](mailto:melinda.loftin@sol.doi.gov)>

Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>, Barry Roth <[barry.roth@sol.doi.gov](mailto:barry.roth@sol.doi.gov)>, Randolph Myers <[randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov](mailto:randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov)>, Robert Eaton <[robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov](mailto:robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov)>

Mike,

The Office of Special Counsel has determined that the Trump sign on the Old Post Office does NOT violate the Hatch Act. They have made the determination that the sign does not constitute prohibited "political activity" as defined by 5 C.F.R 734 Subpart A as it is not "activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for a partisan political office, or partisan political group."

Please let me or Melinda Loftin know if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Scott

On Thu, Jun 18, 2015 at 11:07 PM, Melinda Loftin <[melinda.loftin@sol.doi.gov](mailto:melinda.loftin@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michael, we are still waiting to hear back from Office of Special Counsel. We will let you know as soon as they give us an opinion. Thanks, Melinda

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2015, at 12:47 PM, Litterst, Michael <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks much, Melinda.



We've previously determined with GSA that, as a temporary construction sign, it's legal on the site. But the questions we're getting are whether that status might have changed now that he's a candidate for president. It is now a campaign sign just because it has the name "Trump" on it?

Mike

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:39 PM, Loftin, Melinda <melinda.loftin@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks Barry.

Hi Mike,

I am the Director of the Hatch Act Compliance Office and I will check with the Office of Special Counsel regarding your question. Thanks for bringing this to my attention.

Melinda

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:20 PM, Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
Mike I have added the head of the ethics office to your inquiry

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 17, 2015, at 12:07 PM, Litterst, Michael <mike_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

Gents:

We've received a couple of inquiries this morning (including the one below from a member of the media) questioning whether the large TRUMP construction signs on the Old Post Office Tower are now campaign signs since he's declared his candidacy for president and, as such, are illegal and should be removed. The building is owned and the redevelopment project is

managed by GSA, but some of the signs are over NPS-managed sidewalks, which is how we get involved.

They don't say "Vote Trump" or "Trump 20216," though they do say "Coming in 2016" (which is when the project is supposed to be finished) and then just the large "TRUMP."

Don't know if there's anyone in the office that specializes in campaign law, but I'd be interested in getting a legal opinion on this before responding. The three of you are my go-to solicitors from the government shutdown days, but if there's some else that would be better to look at this, please feel free to forward it on.

Thanks,

Mike

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 8:50 AM, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is (b) (6). I am a reporter at WAMU 88.5 news, the NPR station in Washington DC. I am writing to inquire about the TRUMP sign that is sitting on your property as part of the Old Post Office Hotel Project. Given Mr. Trump's candidacy for the GOP Presidential nomination I was wondering of the sign is political advertising and if you are concerned you may be breaking the law. We would like to interview the appropriate people at NPS and GSA regarding this matter.

Thanks

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**TRUMP sign at Old Post Office Site**

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To: "karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov" <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>  
Cc: "brett.banks@gsa.gov" <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 11:01 AM

Dear Ms. Cucurullo,

I am writing to you as the acting superintendent to complain about the large purple TRUMP sign posted outside the old post office site which I understand lies in your jurisdiction. This large in effect advertising sign is the only one of its kind on Pennsylvania avenue and is completely out of character of the Avenue. It is particularly inappropriate now that Mr. Trump has declared his interest in forming an exploratory committee to become a candidate for President.

With best regards,

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Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 11:14 AM

To: Mina Wright <mina.wright@gsa.gov>, Kevin Terry <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>, Danielle Breaux - WPS-C <danielle.breaux@gsa.gov>

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**Brett Banks - WPT-C** <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 11:17 AM

To: Edmund Newman - WPI <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Just sent to folks and left you off before hitting send to quickly

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From: (b) (6)

Date: Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 11:01 AM

Subject: TRUMP sign at Old Post Office Site

To: "karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov" <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>

Cc: "brett.banks@gsa.gov" <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

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**Mina Wright - WPD** <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 2:15 PM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C &lt;brett.banks@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: Kevin Terry &lt;kevin.terry@gsa.gov&gt;, Danielle Breaux - WPS-C &lt;danielle.breaux@gsa.gov&gt;

are we going to cave or stand by the signs as installed ?

**Mina Wright****Director, Office of Planning & Design Quality****U.S. General Services Administration****301 7th Street, SW, #4004****Washington, DC 20407****202.401.4522****mina.wright@gsa.gov**

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**Brett Banks - WPT-C** <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 2:20 PM

To: Mina Wright - WPD &lt;mina.wright@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: Danielle Breaux - WPS-C &lt;danielle.breaux@gsa.gov&gt;, Kevin Terry &lt;kevin.terry@gsa.gov&gt;

Unfortunately formally up to NPS. However I think we leave the signage as is.

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**Kevin Terry - WPRA** <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 3:04 PM

To: Mina Wright - WPD &lt;mina.wright@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: Brett Banks - WPT-C &lt;brett.banks@gsa.gov&gt;, Danielle Breaux - WPS-C &lt;danielle.breaux@gsa.gov&gt;

I think you stand by the original decision. Its temporary construction signage. We can't control what people think.

KT

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**T R U M P**

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**Edmund Newman - WPS** <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 11:27 AM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C &lt;brett.banks@gsa.gov&gt;, Mina Wright &lt;mina.wright@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: "Frank Palermo (WPS)" &lt;frank.palermo@gsa.gov&gt;, "Shapour Ebadi (WPS)" &lt;shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov&gt;, "Nancy Witherell (WPDA)" &lt;nancy.witherell@gsa.gov&gt;, Danielle Breaux - WPS-C &lt;danielle.breaux@gsa.gov&gt;

Sign installed on Pennsylvania Ave.

Sent from mobile

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**Mina Wright - WPD** <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 12:24 PM

To: Edmund Newman - WPS &lt;edmund.newman@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: Brett Banks - WPT-C &lt;brett.banks@gsa.gov&gt;, "Frank Palermo (WPS)" &lt;frank.palermo@gsa.gov&gt;, "Shapour Ebadi (WPS)" &lt;shapour.ebadi@gsa.gov&gt;, "Nancy Witherell (WPDA)" &lt;nancy.witherell@gsa.gov&gt;, Danielle Breaux - WPS-C &lt;danielle.breaux@gsa.gov&gt;

very understated, I'd say...!

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**Nancy Witherell - WPDC** <nancy.witherell@gsa.gov>

Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 12:29 PM

To: Mina Wright - WPD &lt;mina.wright@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: Edmund Newman - WPS &lt;edmund.newman@gsa.gov&gt;, Brett Banks - WPT-C &lt;brett.banks@gsa.gov&gt;, "Frank

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just a two-color scheme! nancy

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To: Paula Demuth - LDW <paula.demuth@gsa.gov>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 12:42 PM

this wrap around to the 12th street side as well

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## Site Signage Fwd: Construction Safety and Site Signage

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**Edmund Newman - WPS** <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 10:46 AM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Mina Wright - WPD <mina.wright@gsa.gov>, Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>

Cc: Danielle Breaux - WPS-C <danielle.breaux@gsa.gov>, "Frank Palermo (WPS)" <frank.palermo@gsa.gov>

Back to the question of signage for a bit.  
The attached plan for safety signage from Lend-Lease shows multiple locations where their branded logo would appear around the construction site.

Could I have your opinions on this for the OPO project please?  
Normally we'd stop or minimize their brand on a federal project. And then there's the NPS restrictions on their land, etc.

Yet Lend Lease will want to announce their control of activities within the limits of the project site.

Thanks.

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@trumporg.com>  
Date: Thu, Sep 18, 2014 at 5:37 PM  
Subject: Construction Safety and Site Signage  
To: Edmund Newman - WPS <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>  
Cc: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@trumporg.com>

Edmund,

FYI, please find attached the Construction Safety and Site Signage submitted by Lend Lease.

Thank you,

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**Edmund Newman - WPS** <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Wed, Sep 24, 2014 at 5:43 PM

To: Brett Banks - WPT-C <brett.banks@gsa.gov>, Danielle Breaux - WPS-C <danielle.breaux@gsa.gov>, Mina Wright - WPD <mina.wright@gsa.gov>, Kevin Terry - WPRA <kevin.terry@gsa.gov>, "Frank Palermo (WPS)" <frank.palermo@gsa.gov>

re-sending as the response to this last week was zero. Want to discuss Friday? Monday?  
I know you all really don't want to, but we need to .....

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**Brett Banks - WPT-C** <brett.banks@gsa.gov>

Wed, Sep 24, 2014 at 5:51 PM

To: Mina Wright <mina.wright@gsa.gov>

I am less concerned about this on our site. I do think we can let them know that no signage to be posted on the NPS property.

Your thoughts?

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From: **Edmund Newman - WPS** <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

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To: Edmund Newman - WPS <edmund.newman@gsa.gov>

Wed, Sep 24, 2014 at 5:52 PM

I think we do need to discuss. Perhaps we can add it to the storage discussion.

I am not that concerned about it on our site, but open to discuss for sure.

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Thu, Sep 25, 2014 at 5:17 AM

Very sorry, Edmund...I did scan at the time but just kept on rolling. I'll stop in today to discuss bc I had a couple of questions.

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Mina Wright  
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