

BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 274

Served: June 14, 1963

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of D. C. Transit )  
System, Inc., for Permission )  
to Release Property - Navy )  
Yard Carbarn. )

Application No. 246

D. C. Transit System, Inc., has filed an application to permanently abandon the Navy Yard Car House, located in Southeast Washington, and more particularly described as that property bounded by 8th Street, M Street, 7th Street, and L Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., and known on the land records of the District of Columbia as Lot No. 15 in Sq. 907 and containing 71,256 square feet.

This property was originally acquired in 1891, placed in service as a streetcar storage and division operations base in 1892. The car-house on the property was originally constructed in 1891-92, and with subsequent additions had a historical cost as of December 31, 1962, in the total amount of \$245,776.02. The total book cost of the property, including land and improvements, amounted to \$352,338.17. As of December 31, 1962, the property in question had a net book value, after accrued depreciation, of \$114,670.48, including land. On January 28, 1962, the active use of this property was terminated; it has not been used as a street railway facility since that date, other than for the storage of unused streetcars.

The applicant is currently paying an annual tax on this property of approximately \$7,000.00, which together with the cost of insurance and guard and maintenance service presently amounts to approximately \$15,000.00 per year.

The Commission Engineering Staff investigated the future use of this property and has recommended that this property is not now and will not in the future be used or useful in the performance of mass transit. In order to determine whether there was a substantial possibility that the Transit Development Program, being developed by the National Capital Transportation Agency, would provide for the future

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use of this facility, that Agency was consulted and asked to render an advisory opinion. By letter dated May 31, 1963, the Administrator of that Agency advised this Commission that no substantial possibility exists that this property will be used in connection with the Transit Development Program being prepared by the Agency.

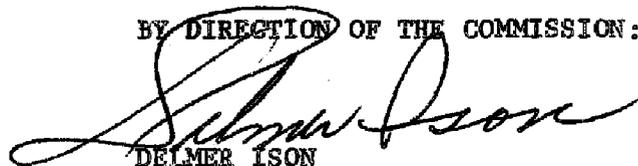
The Commission has reviewed the past history of this property and foresees no possible future use of it in the operation of public transit, that it is in the public interest to authorize the permanent abandonment of this property for transit use, and that the Company should be relieved of any obligations to hold the property for any possible future use as a transit facility.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to permanently abandon the facilities located on that property in Southeast Washington commonly known as the Navy Yard Car barn as a transit facility.

(2) That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, relieved from any further obligation to hold this property for any possible future use as a transit facility.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

  
DELMER ISON  
Executive Director