
Mel Thompson

Principal



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Grimm + Parker Architects

Education

University of Maryland, Bachelor of Architecture, 1985

Professional Affiliations

Housing Initiative Partners
Maryland Affordable Housing

Years in Practice / Years at G+P

31 / 17

Mel has been involved with numerous residential mid-rise and high-rise projects in the Washington metropolitan area for over 22 years and has worked as a Project Manager for G+P on many recent multi-family and senior housing developments. His experience includes numerous CDA Tax Credit and HUD-funded communities. He has been responsible for all phases of these projects from design to construction administration. He also has a great knowledge of the local markets and product types. His work includes providing documents and presentations for zoning hearings and special exception applications and hearings.

Select Experience

SeVerna + SeVerna on K, Washington, DC

Team Leader (SeVerna on K). The SeVerna is a key component of the Northwest One (NW1) Revitalization Plan, in Washington DC. This plan looks at creating a vibrant, mixed-income community in the NOMA (North of Massachusetts Avenue) neighborhood in close proximity with Union Station and the Convention Center. The first phase of the project included new construction of 48 affordable tax-credit residential units in a 5-story mid-rise building and 12 two-over-two townhouses connected to the mid-rise. Phase II included new construction of a 9-story high-rise with underground parking, lively amenity areas and contemporary floor plans.

Justice Park, Washington, DC

Team Leader. New construction of five story, 28 unit apartment building on 12,350 sf property to include parking at street level.

Upper Rock, Rockville, MD

Project Manager. Upper Rock is a 20 acre development located on 1-270 at Shady Grove Road. The vision for the development is a mixed-use, multi-family residential community with a 900-space, free-standing, pre-cast concrete parking garage, and a variety of small scale retail and commercial spaces. The Upper Rock District plan calls for 6 buildings.

Victory Oaks, Silver Spring, MD

Team Leader. Victory Oaks at St. Camillus provides its low income senior residents with an affordable, attractive housing option that enhances its existing campus. Situated between St. Camillus Church and St. Francis International School, the building is built in an urban infill location, taking advantage of under-utilized land to provide the community with much-needed affordable senior housing. Victory Oaks offers residents generous community spaces, including an arts and crafts room, a fitness center, a library with computers, a multipurpose community room and an outdoor patio.

The Alaire at Twinbrook Station, Rockville, MD

Connecting and anchoring the sprawling and segregated retail, office, and residential areas that surround the Twinbrook Metro station, The Alaire at Twinbrook Station serves as a model for smart growth, New Urbanism, and green building. The project creates a lively, pedestrian-friendly urban streetscape in its commitment to reducing the impacts of automobile-dependent development. With its proximity to transit and its mix of uses, The Alaire at Twinbrook Station received LEED-Neighborhood Development certification, a designation applauding high-performing building, the preservation of existing infrastructure, and the creation of enduring places of lasting value.

Erwin N. Andres

Principal

Mr. Andres's diverse experience bridges the disciplines of civil engineering design, urban transportation planning, traffic engineering, land development, environmental analysis, and transportation systems design.

Mr. Andres has directed transportation impact studies, traffic circulation and transit studies, parking studies, and multi-modal studies for master plans, business districts and new real estate development projects of all types and sizes. He has evaluated alternative public transportation modal options. He is familiar with roadway classification and its application to transportation planning. He has performed traffic impact assessments for residential, office, shopping and convention centers, and institutional complexes. He has been responsible for the transportation and parking components for academic, government, and corporate campuses.

Erwin's project experience includes:

Mixed Use Development:

- 818 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC
- Atlantic Plumbing Parcel C, Washington, DC
- Burnham Place at Union Station, Washington, DC
- Chinese Embassy Redevelopment, Washington, DC
- City Center DC, Washington, DC
- H & 8th Street Mixed Use, Washington, DC
- Hecht's Warehouse, Washington, DC
- High Line at Union Market, Washington, DC
- New City DC, Washington, DC
- Shepherd's Park, Washington, DC
- Southwest Waterfront, Washington, DC
- The Yards, Washington, DC
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center Redevelopment, Washington, DC

Small Area Plans/ Redevelopment and Revitalization:

- Boathouse Row, Washington, DC
- Union Station 2nd Century Master Plan, Washington, DC
- Poplar Point Planning Alternatives, Washington, DC
- Takoma Central District Plan, Washington, DC
- Union Station Master Plan Constructability, Washington, DC
- Downtown East Re-Urbanization Strategy, Washington, DC

State and Municipal Government:

- Union Station to Georgetown Transportation Improvements Washington, DC
- Hardened Mail Center, Washington, DC
- Moultrie Courthouse, Washington, DC
- Transportation Engineering and Implementation at WRAMC, Washington, DC



Education

- Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Rutgers University

Professional Associations

- Urban Land Institute (ULI)
- American Planning Association (APA)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)
- Lambda Alpha International (LAI) Land Economics Honorary Society, Board Member
- Georgetown University Real Estate Program, Capstone Advisor

Experience

- 21 years total
- 17 years with Gorove/Slade Associates

Colleges and Universities:

- American University, Washington, DC
- Georgetown University - South Student Center, Washington, DC
- Howard University Master Plan, Washington, DC
- Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- OSU Medical Quadrangle Circulation Analysis, Columbus, Ohio
- University of the District of Columbia Master Plan, Washington, DC
- University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

Entertainment, Sports and Event Centers:

- D.C. United Stadium – Buzzard Point, Washington, DC
- National Cathedral, Washington, DC
- National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), Washington, DC
- Nationals Park, Washington, DC
- Palisades Recreation Center, Washington, DC
- RFK Stadium Redevelopment, Washington, DC

Federal Government:

- Department of State at WRAMC, Washington, DC
- FBI Headquarters Relocation, Washington DC
- House Office Building, Washington, DC
- National Academy of Science, Washington, DC
- National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD
- National Cancer Institute, Rockville, MD
- National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Labs, Boulder, CO
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, DC
- NIH MLP12 Chilled Water Exp., Bethesda, MD
- NPS Hains Point Facility, Washington, DC
- Secured Facility at Buzzard Point, Washington, DC
- Suitland Federal Center, Suitland, MD
- US Coast Guard at St. Elizabeth's - Washington, DC
- USDOT Headquarters, Washington DC
- White Oak Parking Demand Analysis & Operations Plan, Silver Spring, MD

Business and Industrial Parks:

- MedImmune, Gaithersburg, MD

Hotels:

- 317 K Street NW Hotel & Residence, Washington, DC
- 627 H Street NW Hotel, Washington, DC
- 1015 K Street NW Hotel (Square 342), Washington, DC
- Hampton Inn Ball Park, Washington, DC

Medical:

- New Sibley Hospital, Washington, DC
- Children's National Health System at WRAMC, Washington, DC
- UVA Health System, Charlottesville, VA
- Kaiser Permanente Gaithersburg, MD
- National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD
- Manazel Medical Center, Abu Dhabi

Multi-Family Residential:

- 301 Florida Avenue NE, Washington, DC
- University View Apartments, College Park, MD
- 5th & K Street NW, Washington, DC
- 15th and V Streets NW, Washington, DC
- 7200 Georgia Avenue, Washington, DC
- Florida Avenue Redevelopment, Washington, DC
- 1711 Florida Avenue NW, Washington DC
- Takoma Park - Square 3357
- West Heating Plant, Washington, DC
- Dorchester Apartment Building, Washington DC
- 1337 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC
- 1326 Florida Avenue NE, Washington, DC
- 1348 Florida Avenue, Washington, DC
- 17th & O Street Residential, Washington, DC
- 1031 4th Street NW Residential, Washington, DC
- Ridge Street Townhouses, Washington, DC
- 713 Lamont Street NW, Washington, DC
- Fulton Street BZA, Washington, DC
- 62nd Street NE Apartments, Washington, DC

Office:

- 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
- 2100 K Street NW PUD, Washington, DC
- 901 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC
- Capitol Point Federal Office Building, Washington, DC

Planned Unit Developments:

- 1337 E Street SE PUD, Washington, DC
- 3212 Georgia Avenue PUD, Washington, DC

- 300 M Street NE PUD, Washington, DC
- 300 Morse Street NE PUD, Washington, DC
- 3400 Georgia Avenue NW PUD, Washington, DC
- 4330 48th Street NW PUD, Washington, DC
- 4th Street NE and RI Ave NE PUD, Washington, DC
- Archer Park PUD, Washington, DC
- 810 O Street NW PUD, Washington, DC
- Congress Street NE PUD, Washington, DC
- Curtis Properties Bldg 2,4,8 Stage 2 PUD, Washington, DC
- Florida Rock PUD SE, Washington, DC
- DC Water Headquarters PUD, Washington, DC
- Eckington Mews PUD, Washington, DC
- H & 6th Streets Mixed Use PUD, Washington, DC
- Skyland Shopping Center PUD, Washington, DC
- Square 369 PUD at 9th and L Streets NW, Washington, DC

Primary and Secondary Schools:

- Academy for Ideal Education - Expansion, Washington, DC
- Alexandria Country Day School, Alexandria, VA
- Bridges and Briya Charter School EISF, Washington, DC
- British School, Katy, TX
- Brookland Middle School, Washington, DC
- Bullis School, Potomac, MD
- Bullis School, Washington, DC
- Cardozo Senior High School, Washington, DC
- Carlos Rosario Charter School, Washington, DC
- Clarksburg Day Care Facility, Clarksburg, MD
- DC Prep - W Street Campus BZA, Washington, DC
- DC Prep Benning Campus, Washington, DC
- Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington, DC
- Excel Academy, Washington, DC
- Hearst School EISF, Washington, DC
- Lafayette Elementary School, Washington, DC
- Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS, Washington, DC
- Murch Elementary School, Washington, DC
- National Cathedral School, Washington, DC
- The Field School, Washington, DC
- Two Rivers Public Charter School, Washington, DC
- Washington International School, Washington, DC
- Wilson Senior High School, Washington, DC

Retail:

- CVS Real Estate Projects, Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD
- Jumbo Foods, Prince Georges County, MD
- Safeway - Georgetown, Washington, DC
- Safeway - Georgia Ave./Petworth, Washington, DC
- Safeway - Palisades, Washington, DC
- Safeway Store #2865, Washington, DC
- Skyland Shopping Plaza, Washington, DC
- Spring Valley Shopping Center, Washington, DC
- Van Ness Chick-Fil-A, Washington, DC
- Walmart - Ft. Totten Site, Washington, DC

James W. Watson, AICP PTP

Project Manager

Mr. Watson is a Project Manager at Gorove/Slade Associates and has eleven years of transportation planning and management experience. Jim has experience conducting traffic impact studies, shared parking studies, parking occupancy and demand studies, transportation demand management studies, transportation master planning studies, and many other assessments and evaluations for public and private sector clients. Mr. Watson is also experienced in transit management and operations (including local, state, and government funding and planning mechanisms) as well as regional transportation demand management outreach with employers, local governments, and employees.

Jim's project experience includes:

Mixed-Use Development Projects

Mr. Watson has managed a number of mixed-used development projects in the District of Columbia. The analysis addresses the existing traffic conditions, future traffic conditions without development, future traffic conditions with development, and future traffic conditions in ten to twenty years. Other tasks that are usually involved in larger projects of this nature are traffic signal design plans, parking analysis, site access planning, vehicular maneuverability analysis and loading access design, transportation demand management (TDM) planning, and site circulation planning.

- Archer Park PUD, Washington, DC
- Carver Terrace, Washington, DC
- City Center DC, Washington, DC
- Florida Avenue Redevelopment, Washington, DC
- Gallaudet University PUD, Washington, DC
- Hecht's Warehouse, Washington, DC
- Somerville, Washington, DC
- Square 369 PUD at 9th and L Streets NW, Washington, DC
- The High Line at Union Market, Washington, DC
- The Yards F1 Site, Washington, DC
- Uline Arena. Washington, DC
- Van Ness Square, Washington, DC

Other Development and Planning Projects

Mr. Watson has managed transportation planning and traffic engineering projects for school and government facilities.

- DC Prep - W Street Campus EISF, Washington, DC
- Downtown East Re-Urbanization Strategy, Washington, DC
- Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington, DC
- FBI HQ Relocation Planning, Washington, DC
- National Mall Parking Demand and Access, Washington, DC
- NIST Gaithersburg Traffic Analysis, Gaithersburg, MD
- Smithsonian Institution NMAAHC, Washington, DC
- Union Station to Georgetown Transportation Improvements NEPA, Washington, DC



Education

- Master of Arts in Transportation Policy, George Mason University
- Bachelor of Aviation Management, Auburn University

Professional Certifications

- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- Professional Transportation Planner (PTP)

Professional Associations

- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)
- American Planning Association (APA)

Experience

- 11 years total
- 4 years with Gorove/Slade Associates