
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 17, 2007

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-6622
(Commission File Number)

53-0261100
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 800, Rockville, Maryland 20852
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (301) 984- 9400

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Trust") held on May 17, 2007, Mr. Edmund B. Cronin, Jr., current Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, announced his retirement as Chief Executive Officer effective as of June 1, 2007. Mr. Cronin will continue as a member of the Board of Trustees and effective June 1, 2007 has been appointed Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Also effective June 1, 2007, the Trust appointed Mr. George F. McKenzie, the current President and Chief Operating Officer, as a member of the Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. McKenzie will succeed Mr. Cronin as the Trust's Chief Executive Officer upon Mr. Cronin's retirement.

Mr. McKenzie, age 50, joined the Trust in September 1996 and was elected Executive Vice President, Real Estate in 2002. From 1985 to 1996, Mr. McKenzie served with the Prudential Realty Group, a subsidiary of Prudential Insurance Company of America, most recently as Vice President, Investment & Sales.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued May 18, 2007 regarding appointment of Mr. McKenzie as Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

By: /s/ SARA L. GROOTWASSINK
Sara L. Grootwassink
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May 21, 2007



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 18, 2007

**WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST APPOINTS
 GEORGE F. MCKENZIE AS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRIT) (NYSE: WRE) announces the appointment to Board of Trustees and promotion of George "Skip" McKenzie to President and Chief Executive Officer effective June 1, 2007. Mr. McKenzie will succeed Edmund B. Cronin, Jr., current Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, upon his retirement. In addition, WRIT announces the promotions of Sara Grootwassink and Laura Franklin to Executive Vice President and the appointment of Michael Paukstis as Senior Vice President of Real Estate.

Mr. Cronin has been appointed Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. During his 12 year tenure as Chief Executive Officer, WRIT increased its market capitalization from \$0.5 billion to \$2.9 billion and achieved a total return of 358%.

Mr. McKenzie joined WRIT in September 1996, serving most recently as President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining WRIT, Mr. McKenzie was Vice President, Investment & Sales at Prudential Realty Group, a subsidiary of Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Mr. Paukstis was most recently an owner and principal in several companies related to real estate investment, development, brokerage, and technology. Prior to that, he served as Managing Vice President of Prudential's Washington, D.C. operations. Mr. Paukstis was a founding member of the Washington, D.C./Maryland chapter of the National Association of Industrial & Office Properties, and served as its President and Chairman. He started his career in public accounting with Coopers and Lybrand, now PricewaterhouseCoopers, and is a CPA.

WRIT is a self-administered, self-managed, equity real estate investment trust investing in income-producing properties in the greater Washington/Baltimore metropolitan region. WRIT owns a diversified portfolio of 85 properties consisting of 14 retail centers, 25 general purpose office properties, 14 medical office properties, 23 industrial/flex properties, 9 multi-family properties and land for development. WRIT shares are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:WRE).

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