

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6453



**OLD DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTHOUSE
ADDITION AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS
400 E Street, NW, Washington, DC**

Submitted by the District of Columbia Courts

May 6, 2004

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of preliminary site and building plans pursuant to D.C. Code § 10-603, 40 U.S.C. § 8722(e), and Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for the entrance pavilion to the Old District of Columbia Courthouse as well as the permanent and interim features of the entrance plaza, as shown on NCPC Map File 1.22(08.21)-41341, as being consistent with the principles of the draft Judiciary Square Master Plan and with the historic setting of the buildings and open space of Judiciary Square.

Commends the simplification of the plaza elements since the concept design, and recommends, in the continuing design development and preparation of final site and building plans, that this refinement continue so that the open space is used as effectively as possible.

Notes that the D.C. Courts have agreed to explore the feasibility of allowing the museum underground access to the Courthouse's service entry from 4th Street, NW.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission