

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6479



**PATENT OFFICE BUILDING
SOUTH STAIR RECONSTRUCTION**
G, F, 7th and 9th Streets, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

January 6, 2005

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of the concept design pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(d) and Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act of (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the concept plans for the reconstruction of the south stair on the Patent Office Building, as shown in NCPC Map File No. 21.00(08.21) 41514.

Commends the Smithsonian Institution and its design team for a proposal that is architecturally appropriate for the Patent Office and its Greek Revival-style portico, and that will contribute to the public life of the building and its setting in the L'Enfant Plan and the heart of Downtown while accommodating current requirements for accessibility and the museum's interior program.

Requires the Smithsonian, in the next budget cycle, and succeeding ones if necessary, to make a good faith request for funds for design development of the south stair and for its reconstruction.

Requires the Smithsonian to submit the stair reconstruction project to the Commission for inclusion in the current Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP) 2006-2011.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission