

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 1841



CHANCERY OF ISRAEL BUILDING ADDITION

International Center, Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the United States Department of State

May 4, 2006

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of concept design for building plans pursuant to the International Center Act of 1968, as amended, Public Law 90-553 (1968), and Public Law 97-186 (1982), at Section 3.

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The Commission:

Comments favorably on the concept site and building plans for a building addition to the Chancery of Israel located, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 72.10(38.00)41963 **except** for the proposed pedestrian entrance facing Van Ness Street, NW.

Advises the applicant to consult with staff prior to any further design of the proposed pedestrian entrance facing Van Ness Street, NW in order to ensure that it is not inconsistent with NCPC's *Development Controls for the Chancery Section of the International Center in the District of Columbia*, which, in Section 551.00 of Building Frontage and Setbacks, states that no building shall front on Van Ness Street.

Requires that the applicant include the following information with the preliminary submission:

- Justification and waiver requests for amendments to NCPC's *Development Controls for the Chancery Section of the International Center in the District of Columbia* for as noted:
 - Section 540.00 Lot Occupancy to allow the Lot occupancy to exceed the maximum allowable area.
 - Section 550.00 Building Frontage and Setbacks to allow portions of the proposed building addition to be located on the property line and within the setback area.
 - Section 611.00 Fences and Retaining Walls to allow the proposed curved metal wall to be located outside the property line.

- Documentation of permission for the construction of the proposed curved metal wall and temple foundations in Department of State property.
- Additional lighting information and foot candle modeling describing the illumination of the proposed addition.
- Documentation of compliance with the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures (69 FR 41299) as updated April 1, 2004.
- Additional information that documents the design and function of the proposed pedestrian entrance facing Van Ness Street.

Commends the applicant for collaborating with NCPC and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation to replace the temporary security barriers, located in Van Ness Street, NW and across the adjacent sidewalk, with permanent perimeter security elements.

Recommends that the applicant develop and submit a coordinated, permanent perimeter security design concept with the proposed chancery addition preliminary and final submissions.

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