

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6669



UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE
NEW HEADQUARTERS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION CENTER
23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the United States Institute of Peace

November 2, 2006

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of preliminary site and building plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

Commission Action

The Commission:

- **Approves** the preliminary site and building plans for the United States Institute of Peace Headquarters and Public Education Center, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.33 (38.00)-42126.
- **States** that the Institute's new headquarters will be a significant building that nevertheless must defer to the Lincoln Memorial in its lighting treatment and luminance level, which will be determined onsite during construction in collaboration with the Executive Director, National Park Service, Commission of Fine Arts, and the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office in a process to be defined in a Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement.
- **Requires** the United States Institute of Peace, in the submission of its final project design, to accomplish the following:
 - Complete site grading plans indicating, with grading contours, all ground elevations within the site and adjacent to the new building.
 - Complete building design and fenestration details of the parking attendant booth at the USIP parking garage drive, including all gate apparatus, flagpoles and equipment.
 - Submit samples of all final project colors and materials for the building and site.

- A complete labeled and detailed site landscape planting plan. The plan shall include a planting design that establishes a vegetation buffer or screen at the west and southwest areas adjacent to the exterior building loading dock, as a component of the project Phase 1 construction. This planting must effectively screen this area with evergreen trees for all-season visual screening.
- A completed Transportation Management Plan addressing traffic management for conference and event traffic at the USIP at relevant times within an anticipated year-long USIP activities schedule. This analysis should evaluate both daytime and nighttime events and identify traffic management strategies that will be the full responsibility of the USIP. The Plan must indicate how traffic control signals are coordinated with the project vehicle entrance drive.
- A proposed schedule for onsite testing and review of project lighting luminance limits for the NCPC Executive Director during the construction period of the project, and a draft copy of the section of the building manual specifying the general format and content of the luminance limits for the project that will ultimately be provided to NCPC for record purposes.
- A fully completed and signed Memorandum of Agreement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to be provided with the submission.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission