

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6611



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**FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING 8**  
**BUILDING MODERNIZATION**  
200 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC

Submitted by the General Services Administration

October 4, 2007

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*Commission Action Requested by Applicant*

Approval of comment on the concept design for site and building plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b)(1) and (d) .

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*Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Comments favorably** on the renovation of the existing Federal Office Building 8 at 200 C Street, SW, as shown in NCPC Map File No. 1.72(38.00) 41669, with the exception of the proposed security screening pavilion and perimeter security elements.

**Comments unfavorably** on the perimeter security design because the perimeter barrier system intrudes into the public right-of-way on all four sides of the building and **requires** GSA to submit an analysis of the level of security required in accordance with NCPC's Urban Design and Security Objectives and Policies adopted May 5, 2005 and related submission guidelines.

**Requires** that the applicant reduce the size and mass of the security screening pavilion to minimize impact to building's setting if the screening pavilion remains a part of the project.

**Requires** that GSA submit its Third and C Streets Southwest Master Plan for Urban Improvements for NCPC review and approval prior to submitting the preliminary phase of this project.

**Reminds** the applicant that the scope of the project does not fall within NCPC's criteria for categorical exclusion under NEPA, and therefore GSA must prepare and submit an environmental assessment for the project before it is submitted for preliminary review.

**Reminds** GSA that it must consult on the full effects of the undertaking to include perimeter security under NHPA Section 106, which requires establishing an area of potential effect, and notes that in its determination GSA has not considered the L'Enfant Plan and adjacent buildings that form the setting at 3<sup>rd</sup> and C Streets, SW.

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