

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7055



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## HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN Seasonal Inflatable Pavilion

7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW and Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

April 1, 2010

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### *Commission Action Requested*

Approval of comments on concept design pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b)(1) and (d).

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### *Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Comments favorably** on the Smithsonian Institution's proposed concepts for the installation of a seasonal inflatable pavilion for the months of May and October at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.71(38.00)42980, and finds that the semi-annual transformation of the museum's central courtyard will create an exciting and unanticipated attraction along the National Mall and the 8<sup>th</sup> Street axis.

**Notes** that although the Smithsonian's preferred alternative is the "Soufflé" concept, encourages further study of the programming, accessibility, experience, and relationship of the pavilion to the existing building's interior and exterior spaces and architecture, for both the "Soufflé" and "Cork" concepts, prior to making a determination on a final design.

**Requests** that the Smithsonian Institution provide the following additional information as it will be helpful at the next review stage:

- An analysis of views along the Mall, Independence Avenue, and from other view points north and south of the Mall.
- Information on pedestrian circulation and ADA accessibility.
- Information on the proposed lighting, mechanical equipment, and anchoring of the pavilion.
- Information on compliance with local fire and life safety codes and regulations.

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