

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6558



**GSA HEADQUARTERS
BUILDING MODERNIZATION
(INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR PERIMETER SECURITY, E STREET ENTRANCE, AND
GROUND FLOOR RETAIL)**

1800 F Street NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the General Services Administration

July 1, 2010

Commission Action Requested

Approval of preliminary and final building plans for base building modernization, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

Approval of comments on options for perimeter security, E Street entrance, and ground floor retail pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary and final building plans for the base building modernization of the GSA Headquarters Building located at 1800 F Street NW, as shown on NCPC Map File No 23.00(38.00)43092.

Comments favorably on the proposed concept for ground floor retail along the E Street side of the GSA Headquarters Building.

Comments favorably on the proposed concept for a new formal E Street building entrance and permanent perimeter security, with the exception of the bollards located at the curbline in front of the building entrances along E Street NW and 18th Street NW, because the design of the proposed security elements has been integrated into existing site features and located within the building yard.

Commends GSA for its efforts to include ground floor retail in lieu of permanent perimeter security at 1800 F Street NW, and notes the potential this project has to be a model for improving accessibility to federal buildings, and for how to incorporate ground floor retail into historic buildings.

Recommends that GSA continue to consult with NCPC staff and other interested stakeholders on the proposed perimeter security plan, and specifically on the design and placement of security elements at the building entrances along E Street NW and 18th Street NW.

Notes GSA's continuing efforts to fully coordinate its projects with interested federal and local stakeholders throughout the design process, and recognizes the benefit this has had on the overall design and review timeline of projects.

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