

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7246



UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER HARRY S TRUMAN BUILDING

2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the General Services Administration

June 2, 2011

Commission Action Requested

Approval of comments on the concept design for the United States Diplomacy Center located in the Harry S Truman Building at 2201 C Street, NW, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b)(1) and (d).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Provides the following comments on the concept design for the United States Diplomacy Center located in the Harry S Truman Building at 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No.1.34(38.00)43333.

Process

- Revise the Harry S Truman Building Perimeter Security Improvement Plan (HTBPSP) to include the USDC and submit the plan for final NCPC approval;
- Determine the appropriate level of NEPA review for the USDC as the Environmental Assessment for the HTBPSP did not include a discussion of the USDC and additional analysis must take into account the change in use from a security pavilion to a museum at this location;
- Finalize the Programmatic Agreement for the HTBPSP by working with the DC State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and consulting parties;
- Integrate the requirements of Section 106 into the NEPA review process to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse effects to historic properties;

Coordination

- Coordinate with the NCPC, the District of Columbia Office of Planning, and the District Department of Transportation regarding impacts to the surrounding transportation system, parking, pedestrian circulation, and streetscape as the design for USDC and perimeter security is refined;

Design

- Determine how the entry pavilion will meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* as required by the Programmatic Agreement for the HTBPSP;
- Further refine the details regarding attachment between the entry pavilion and the historic George Marshall Wing;
- Develop an alternative that lowers the roof below the cornice line of the historic building and eliminates the 2 foot increase at the center section so that the roof is essentially flat;
- Develop an alternative that uses transparent glass as wall cladding; and
- Integrate the plan and design for permanent perimeter security into the design of the USDC.

Notes that the DOS has placed the USDC within the property line in accordance with the Commission's comments on the HTBPSP and that the DOS has set aside some space in the USDC to highlight the historic lobby and mural, *America the Mighty*, to establish a connection between the historic building and history of diplomacy and the DOS.

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