

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6546



**FORT LESLEY J. McNAIR,**  
NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY EXPANSION, PHASE II  
4<sup>th</sup> and P Streets, SW  
Washington, DC

Submitted by the Department of the Army

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### *Commission Action Requested by Applicant*

Approval of preliminary building plans and preliminary and final site utilities and grading plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(d) and Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act of (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)).

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### *Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Approves the concept building plans** for the National Defense University Expansion, as specified in the report *Design-Building Expansion of the National Defense University – Phase II*, and the preliminary and final site utility plans illustrated on the drawings shown within NCPC Map File No 24.50(38.00)-41499.

**Commends** the Department of the Army for the initiative to implement the U.S. Army's SPiRiT building certification program within the NDU Expansion undertaking.

**Requires** that the Army:

- Modify the connection between the NDU Expansion and Marshall Hall so that it connects to all floor levels within Marshall Hall or becomes a full-height vaulted space.
- Provide a continuous skylight or vaulted roof above the NDU Expansion central corridor, similar to that found on the existing Marshall Hall, to maintain the consistency and expressed importance of the central corridor throughout the NDU complex.
- Establish clearly-defined building wall setbacks/offsets along the east and west elevations to improve the relationship between window areas and the floor plan layout, and to create stronger shadow definition within the elevations.

- Maintain the existing free standing brick wall along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the project site design.
- Develop additional emphasis to the NDU Expansion entry “drum” by elevating the height of the entrance element and integrating it with the recommended peaked roofline of the central corridor,
- Include with future submissions a design concept for the new entrance gate at the terminus of East Potomac Avenue, as shown in the Subarea Master Plan and in coordination with the Anacostia Waterfront Plan, along with a timetable for implementation.
- Submit a revised Fort McNair Transportation Management Plan (TMP) for Commission approval no later than March 2005 as specified by the Army in its current project information. The TMP should include a revised parking plan that must demonstrate:
  - An updated employee survey, as defined by the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan
  - Adherence to the August 2004 Comprehensive Plan goals or justification as to why such aims can not be met
  - A commitment to undertake specific Transportation Management Strategies

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