



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ENGINE COMPANY NUMBER 10
RENOVATION AND MODERNIZATION
1342 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

November 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final design plans for the renovation and modernization of Engine Company Number 10 of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, located in Northeast Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 43.00(38.00)41506.

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The District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMS) is implementing a capital program to modernize its stations by replacing deteriorated building system components and architectural features at various station houses as needed. The goal is to provide a safe working environment for employees and the public as part of DC FEMS overall compliance with the District's Building Codes and Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

Exterior alterations proposed by the DC FEMS include replacing apparatus doors and windows, and rebuilding three window openings to accommodate new doors required for egress by code. The work, designed for its industrial function, is well-located for low visual impact.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its meeting on November 10, 2004. Engine Company 10 is a brick Colonial Revival-style fire station built in 1925. The fire station is outside the Central Area and is therefore not subject to Section 106 consultation. The D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board is now reviewing the project, and has recommended that the

proposed exterior replacement doors, especially the one on the east elevation, be designed for better compatibility with the historic character of the building. That door has higher visibility and slightly more ornamentation due to its pediment. Staff recommends that the door at the east elevation be modified to improve compatibility with the building's character. The proposed project as submitted conforms to the Commission's Categorical Exclusion requirements at Section 8 of the Commission's Environmental Procedures.

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Executive Director