

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6479



**PATENT OFFICE BUILDING**  
**COURTYARD ENCLOSURE**  
7<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, NW  
Washington, DC

Submission by the Smithsonian Institution

July 8, 2004

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### *Commission Action Requested by Applicant*

Approval of design concept pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(d) and Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)).

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### *Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Approves** the concept of a glass canopy to enclose the courtyard of the Patent Office Building, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 21.00(08.21)-41385, provided that the canopy continue to be refined to minimize the profile and complement the existing building's façade in order to preserve the appearance of the Patent Office in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street viewshed and that the mechanical equipment element be lowered below the roof of the existing building.

**Supports** the Smithsonian's vision for the renewal and expansion of the museums' contribution to the life of the city and the nation.

**Requires** the Smithsonian, in the submission of preliminary site and building plans, to provide:

- Documentation showing the physical connection of the canopy to the building.
- Further information on the proposed materials.
- Further information on the mechanical equipment enclosure.
- Plans and elevations for other proposed alterations to the courtyard, including to the building's courtyard facades and floor.

- Plans and elevations for other exterior alterations to the building, such as the provisions for handicapped accessibility and for physical security barriers, if anticipated.
- Completed environmental documentation.
- Documentation of substantial progress in the Section 106 consultation.

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