



WILLIAM B. BRYANT ANNEX
TO THE E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN COURTHOUSE BUILDING
NAME ENGRAVING AT ENTRANCE
Constitution Avenue and Third Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve building plans for the engraving of the building name in the stone above the main entrance to the William B. Bryant Annex of the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.21(38.00)42119.

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The General Services Administration has requested approval of a stone engraving (reading, "WILLIAM B. BRYANT ANNEX, UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE") above the main (east) entrance of the annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse. The building name was authorized by Congress in H.R. 4294 in recognition of William Benson Bryant, the first black chief judge of the U.S. District Court in D.C. The engraving is placed directly below the canopy across the face of a stone beltcourse; following consultation with NCPC staff, GSA reduced the size of the inscription to fit within the overall width of the canopy. The lettering will be of "Michelangelo" typeface, ten inches in height, and will be embellished with silver leaf for highlighting during daylight hours. Lighting beneath the canopy will illuminate the lettering at night.

Staff has reviewed the proposed action under the National Environmental Policy Act and determined that it adheres to the NCPC Categorical Exclusion requirements under §8(C)(2) of the agency's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. NCPC has reviewed the proposal and determined that it will not have an effect on National Register listed properties. Consultation with the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation resulted in a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the Prettyman Courthouse building, the Annex and related site developments.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed site developments for the annex at its meeting on September 13, 2006 and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies participating.



Rendering showing building name engraving over entrance.

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Executive Director