

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6479



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
PATENT OFFICE BUILDING
F STREET STAIR RECONSTRUCTION AND RESERVATION LANDSCAPE
G, F, 7th, and 9th Streets, NW

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

April 6, 2006

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of revised concept plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Comments favorably on the revised concept design for the rehabilitation of the reservation landscape, which includes the treatment and location of plants and trees, the extension of the south lawn and fence line to their historic position on F Street, the streetscape plan for sidewalk pavement and light standards, and the reconstruction of the F Street stairs, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 21.00(38.00)42002.

Concurs with the Smithsonian that the historic courtyard fountains are in fair to poor condition, that they will not be restored and reinstalled to working order either in the courtyard or in the lawn as Secretary Small committed to doing in June 2005, and that, in partial mitigation for the loss of the historic courtyard, they instead be treated as artifacts and interpreted in a permanent exhibit on the history of the building to be installed in a gallery inside the F Street entrance.

Notes that the revised concept design includes an early proposal for a security barrier line and recommends that Commission review of security location and design occur only after the Smithsonian has completed its threat analysis and **requests** that the Smithsonian submit, if necessary, a developed proposal for security design to the Commission with the preliminary site and building plans for the reservation landscape.

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