

FORT LESLEY J. McNAIR
PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER
4th and P Streets, SW, Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

June 29, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for a new Physical Fitness Center at Fort Lesley J. McNair, as depicted on NCPC Map File No. 24.50(38.00)-42062.

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The Department of the Army has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for a new Physical Fitness Center (PFC) at Fort McNair in southwest Washington, D.C. The proposed 36,000 gross square-foot building would maintain the established building line of the nearby Lincoln and Marshall Halls located along 5th Avenue within Fort McNair. The submitted site is located in accordance with the Commission approved Subarea Master Plan. The site design provides handicapped access through the main entrance without the need for ramps or lifts. The building design maintains the use of red-brown brick façades, punched window openings and extruded aluminum storefront entrance components. Windows would be provided in the north end of the gymnasium for natural light. The program for the PFC establishes activities such as racquetball, weight training, cardiovascular training, and non-sports activities.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed this item at its meeting on July 16, 2003, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies participating. The final site and building design has been developed through input from the DC SHPO over several months. The Army completed a Memorandum of Agreement with the DC SHPO Office on June 6, 2006.

The project is consistent with the Commission approved Subarea master plan, is less than 50,000 square feet in building space area, and would have no adverse impact on land uses or environmental resources of the site. In conformance with its NEPA compliance procedures, the Department of the Army completed an environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the project as a portion of the Subarea master plan in July 2003. NCPC staff had analyzed, in conformance with the requirements of NEPA, the prepared Environmental Assessment (EA) completed by the Department of the Army, Baltimore District Corps of Engineers and approved by the Fort McNair Garrison Commander.

Staff prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact based on adoption of the EA at the time of the master plan review. Staff has determined that the EA evaluation and Finding remains valid for the final site and building plans of the Center.

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Executive Director