



**NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM**  
**PERIMETER SECURITY - NORTH ENTRANCE EXHIBIT PLINTHS**  
The National Mall, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C.

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

August 31, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority from the Commission on September 2, 2004, I approve the final design of the perimeter security - north entrance exhibit plinths for the Smithsonian Institution, National Air and Space Museum located on the National Mall, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SW as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.71(38.40)-42087.

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The Smithsonian Institution is proposing to place four exhibit plinths in conjunction with the approved bollards and flagpole plinths in the north entrance of the National Air and Space Museum as part of their overall perimeter security design. On September 2, 2004 the Commission gave approval for preliminary and final site development plans for perimeter security elements around the National Air and Space Museum except for the design of the exhibit plinths on the north entrance of the museum. The Commission delegated approval of the final design of the exhibit plinths to the Executive Director.

The plinths will be five feet wide, five feet deep, and three feet high and will be clad on four sides with granite that will match the existing terrace paving. The plinths will be topped with slightly curving, cast stainless steel bas relief that will depict the four stages of flight propulsion history – Wright Glider, Boeing 367-80, Saturn V Rocket and Mariner 2.

On July 15, 2004, the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) approved the perimeter security for the National Air and Space Museum and delegated approval for the design of the exhibit plinths to their staff. CFA staff has reviewed and approved the proposed exhibit plinth design in consultation with the applicant.

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Executive Director