

COMMISSION ACTION



NCPC File No. 6479

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
PATENT OFFICE BUILDING
PERIMETER SECURITY, LANDSCAPE PLAN, F STREET STAIR RECONSTRUCTION,
AND TEMPORARY EGRESS STAIR
G, F, 7th and 9th Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

April 5, 2007

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

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

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The Commission, relative to NCPC Map File No. 21.00(38.40)42179:

Reaffirms its favorable comments on the proposed landscape plan and F Street Stair reconstruction reviewed as a revised concept design by the Commission at its April 2006 meeting.

Comments that the Smithsonian's concept design for the perimeter barrier would keep the barrier inside the pedestrian realm as much as possible and minimize physical and visual damage to the Patent Office Building, but **requests** that the Smithsonian Institution reassess whether perimeter security is warranted around the Patent Office Building prior to submission of preliminary site and building plans for the landscape and F Street stair.

Comments unfavorably on the bollards in public space on the sidewalk.

Recommends that the Smithsonian develop a barrier around the Metro escalator, if determined to be necessary, that uses hardened street furniture (including perhaps hardened newspaper boxes) to avoid the use of bollards.

Recommends that the Smithsonian, in coordination with the Commission and other agencies, continue studying the feasibility of widening the G Street sidewalk, at least in front of the monumental stair on the 8th Street axis, by the width of the adjacent parking lane.

Comments favorably on the concept proposal for the installation of a temporary, demountable metal egress stair for the Portico Café for the 2007 warm-weather season only and **delegates final approval** of the site and building plans for its temporary installation on the F Street façade of the building to the Executive Director.

Requires that existing and future museum identification and way-finding signs be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

Deborah B. Young
Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission