

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 5253



CHANCERY OF MOROCCO
INTERNATIONAL CENTER
International Drive and Reno Road, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the United States Department of State

August 2, 2007

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of preliminary site and building plans for the Chancery pursuant to the International Center Act of 1968, Public Law 90-553, as amended by Public Law 97-186 (1982), at Section 3.

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for a new chancery building and related site modifications for the Chancery of Morocco, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 72.10(38.00)42294.

Requires that the following design modifications be considered when developing the design of the Guard Booth:

- The footprint and horizontal massing of the booth is too large, detracting from the overall image of the Chancery.
- The booth currently lacks detailing that would reduce its monolithic appearance. The incorporation of additional window openings and the subtle use of traditional Moroccan elements should be considered to refine the elevations.

Requires that the applicant include the following information with the final design submission for the Chancery:

- Fully developed tree planting plan, identifying the following:
 - Existing and proposed tree canopy (including street and building site trees)
 - Trees slated for demolition
 - Size/type/location of proposed new trees
- Complete evaluation to ensure that vegetative cover will be sufficient to minimize the visual impact of the rear elevation to Reno Road on a year-round basis.
- Fully developed elevations identifying dimensions of the building as well as all related fences, walls, and site/landscaping elements.
- Complete material selection and samples of wall and window materials.
- Proposed exterior building and site lighting, including proposed fixtures, locations, and foot-candle levels.
- Summary of planned staffing and related parking accommodations.

Commends the applicant and the design team for consultation with NCPC and CFA that has resulted in a well developed and elegant design for the proposed Chancery of Morocco.

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