

INTERNATIONAL CENTER - GUARD BOOTH
International Drive and International Court, NW
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, and the International Center Act of 1968, Public Law 90-553 (1968) as amended by Public Law 97-186 (1982), at Section 3, I approve preliminary and final site and building plans for the guard booth at the International Center, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 72.10(38.40)42259.

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The Department of State has requested preliminary and final approval of site and building plans for a guard booth at the International Center (Center) in northwest Washington DC. The proposed guard booth, to be located adjacent to the Chancery of Egypt at the intersection of International Drive and International Court, is the second of five guard booths that the Department of State (DOS) plans to construct at the Center.

There are currently two existing guard booths at the Center, one at the garage entrance to the DOS Security Administration Building and a second at the intersection of International Court and Van Ness Street. The booth would be set back from the existing sidewalk within a common planting area between the public right-of-way and the property line of the Chancery of Egypt. While the booths will aid in securing the Center during visits by high level dignitaries or in the event of a major emergency, vehicular or pedestrian movement throughout the complex will not be affected.

The proposed guard booth would be 5'-4" by 8'-0" in plan and 12 feet in height. The booth configuration and materials would be the same as the existing guard booth at International Court and Van Ness Street (approved by NCPC in January 2003). The base and lower walls would be constructed of sandstone-colored cast concrete, with upper walls of aluminum framing coated green with insulated security glazing. The roof of the booth would be a standing seam hip roof, with a green coating to match the wall framing. Brick pavers would be placed around the base for access from the adjacent sidewalk.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on June 13, 2007, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all participating agencies.

Staff has reviewed the proposed action under NEPA and determined that it adheres to the Categorical Exclusion requirements under §8(C)(21) of NCPC's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. Therefore, no additional environmental review is being requested.

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