

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6690



RESERVATION 174: NORTHWEST PARK (OLD CONVENTION CENTER SITE)

New York Avenue and 10th, 11th, and I Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the District of Columbia, Office of the Deputy Mayor
for Planning and Economic Development

May 3, 2007

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

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

Commission Action

The Commission:

Comments favorably on the concept design for the Reservation 174: Northwest Park as shown on NCPC Map File No. 31.20(05.00)42220.

Commends the development team on a high-quality, durable, and sustainable design that respects the historic L'Enfant streets and reservations of the District of Columbia.

Recommends that in the preparation of preliminary site development plans, the applicant consider the following:

- The 10th and I Street rights-of-way are to be re-established, with street, sidewalk, and curb lines based on the 1965 Baist map. Street edges should be reinforced through the use of granite curbing, street trees and plantings, lighting and other treatments complying with the Downtown Streetscape Regulations (DDOT August 2000).
- The applicant should work cooperatively with the National Park Service and the District Department of Transportation towards a final design that better reflects the site's contribution to the historic plan of Washington, relates to the three other bow-tie pairs around Mt. Vernon Square, and also enhances views along New York Avenue towards Mount Vernon Square and the White House.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission