

**TENLEY-FRIENDSHIP NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY
LIBRARY REPLACEMENT**

4450 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

March 27, 2008

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. §8722(b)(1), I comment favorably on the concept design for the new Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 73.00(38.00)42483.

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The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) has requested comments on the concept design for a new Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library that will serve the Tenleytown and Friendship Heights neighborhoods and students from the surrounding schools. The proposal consists of a three-story building of approximately 23,000 gross square feet clad with glass curtain wall, perforated copper metal panels, and architecturally treated concrete. A two-story atrium will mark the building entrance and house the public elevator and monumental stair. The western wall will be solid, as it is intended to be a party wall shared with the planned new Janney Elementary School. Site improvements will include new paving, perimeter walls, landscaping, site lighting, and surface parking; a bicycle parking area is also anticipated. Environmental design, including the use of a green roof, is expected to result in a LEED Silver Certification for the facility.

Due to the proximity of the METRO Red Line station, across Wisconsin Avenue, the parking requirement has been reduced by fifty percent; a total of nine surface parking spaces will be located at the southern edge of the property. Access will be via a private drive aisle adjacent to the existing alley at Wisconsin Avenue; the applicant will coordinate with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) on the design of the parking lot access.



PERSPECTIVE
(Corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Albemarle Street)

Site lighting and hardscaping/landscaping plans have not been fully developed at the concept phase, but will be included as part of the preliminary and final submissions for this project.

The proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, and will have no adverse effects on any other federal interests.

Because this is a District of Columbia project outside of the Central Area, NCPC is advisory and does not have independent responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act. A limited subsurface investigation report was prepared for the site in June 2007, and revealed that there is soil and ground water contamination from past use of an underground storage tank. The applicant is required to comply with the requirements of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) in designing and constructing this project, including addressing any soil and ground water contamination at the site.

Because this is a District of Columbia project outside of the Central Area, NCPC is advisory and does not have independent responsibility under the National Historic Preservation Act. The applicant has initiated consultation with the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office and is awaiting a determination from that office.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its March 12, 2008 meeting and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies represented. The participating agencies were NCPC; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District Department of Transportation; the Department of Housing and Community Development; the General Services Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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Acting Executive Director