

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE
EXTERIOR DONOR RECOGNITION
23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the United States Institute of Peace

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

July 3, 2008

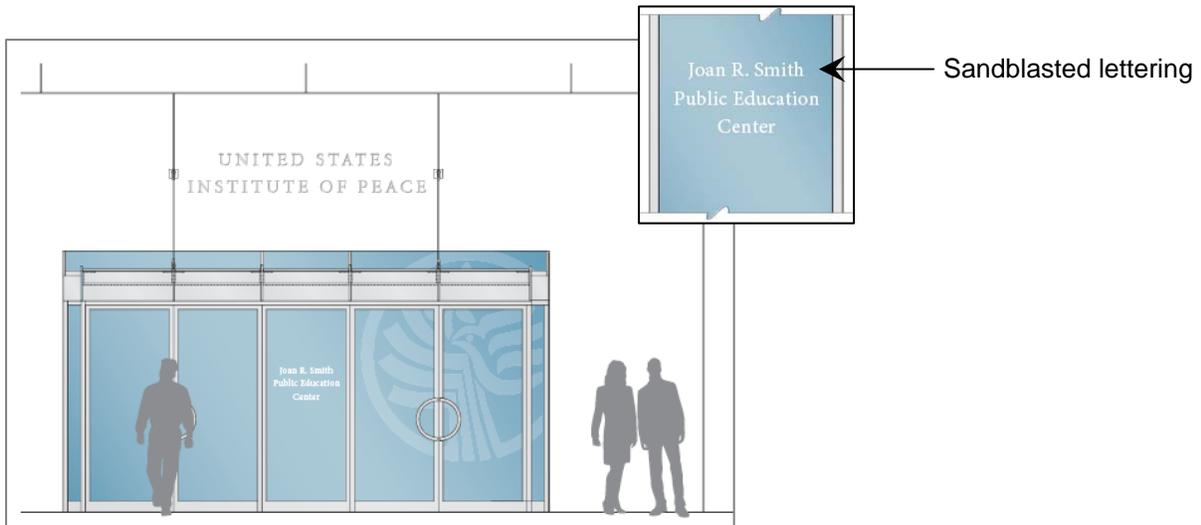
Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final building plans for the exterior donor recognition at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.33(38.00)42530.

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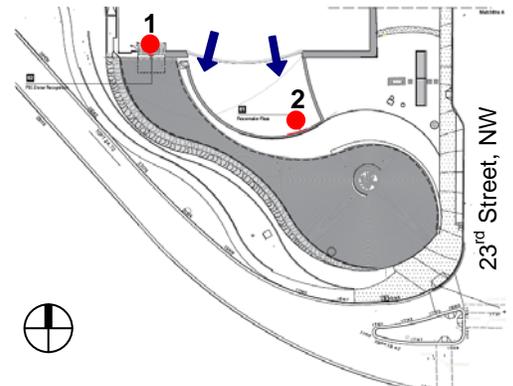
The United States Institute of Peace has requested preliminary and final approval of building plans for exterior donor recognition at the Headquarters building of the Institute, located in northwest Washington at 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue. The proposed project includes the recognition of donors at two building locations: the Public Education Center (PEC) and Peacemaker Plaza.

The PEC is a below-ground facility that occupies approximately 17 percent of the total building area; a dedicated at-grade entrance is located at the southwest corner of the building approximately 230 feet from the 23rd Street entrance to the public garden. The proposed acknowledgement will include the donor's name etched in a glass panel between the two sets of entry doors. The etching will be no greater than 2½ inches in height, will contain only text (no logos), and will not be clearly visible from any adjacent public right-of-way.

Peacemaker Plaza is a terrace accessed from the interior of one of the building atria. Carved inscriptions on the interior face of the Plaza's masonry wall will include the plaza's name, several quotes from noted peacemakers, and the donor's name in text only (no logos). The height of the plaza's name will be four inches, and all other carvings will be 1½ inches; all carving except for the donor acknowledgement will be filled with translucent gray lithochrome shadow. The terrace wall is not visible or accessible from any public right-of-way.



PUBLIC EDUCATION CENTER (1)



SITE KEY



PEACEMAKER PLAZA (2)

Carved lettering

Staff has reviewed the proposal against NCPC's policy for exterior donor recognition, which generally dissuades from visible acknowledgements on museums, memorials, and cultural facilities; the intent is to prevent such acknowledgements from intruding on the integrity of the project or its environs. Analysis of the building design and programmed uses was undertaken, and it was determined that the planned headquarters building will function primarily as an office building and conference center, with only 17% of the areas (Public Education Center) dedicated for an ancillary cultural use. Therefore, staff finds that the proposal complies with NCPC's exterior donor recognition policy.

Staff also evaluated the proposal's potential impact to the Federal Image, which is protected through the *National Capital Image* policies included in the Preservation and Historic Features element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. After ongoing consultation with both NCPC and CFA staffs, and design revisions by the applicant, it is Staff's view that the resultant designs are of a high aesthetic standard that would neither detract from the Federal Image nor adversely affect any other identified federal interests.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on June 18, 2008, 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 National Park Service; the General Services Administration; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The Commission of Fine Arts approved the proposal at their June 19, 2008 meeting.

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Executive Director