

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6929



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

St. Elizabeths West Campus
2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by General Services Administration

May 7, 2009

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

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

Commission Action

Comments favorably on the concept design for the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Building and parking garage as Phase 1a of the Department of Homeland Security Headquarters at St. Elizabeths West Campus, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 83.10(64.00)42754

Notes that approval of the Final Master Plan is contingent upon the General Services Administration's ability to construct the west access road connecting Firth Sterling Avenue, SE to the modified Malcolm X Avenue, SE/I-295 Interchange, through the Shepherd Parkway

Recommends that in further development of the design for Phase 1, the General Services Administration

- Conduct further study of building façades, with particular attention to the northern façade, to provide a level of depth and detail that will reduce the potential for monotony
- Preserve the variety and size of plant materials shown in the concept for the landscape design
- Conduct additional Section 106 consultation to evaluate the feasibility of placing the cemetery inside the secure perimeter of the West Campus, and **notes** the need for resolution of this issue before the security fence is submitted for approval

Strongly encourages the General Services Administration to build one or more additional levels of the West Ravine Parking Garage underground, thus reducing its height and bulk.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission