

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6694



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL

Approval of Site and Design Principles

Bound by Independence Avenue, 4th and 6th Streets, SW,
and the Department of Education Headquarters
Washington, DC

Submitted by the National Park Service

September 7, 2006

Commission Action Requested

Approval of site selection and design guidelines pursuant to Public Laws 106-79, 107-117, 109-220, and the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8905).

Commission Action

Approves the site for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in the area bound by Independence Avenue, 4th and 6th Streets, SW and the Department of Education Building, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.71(73.10)42093, provided that the applicant design the Memorial using the Section 106 consultation process to meet, to the Commission's satisfaction, the following design principles:

Design Principles:

1. Preserve reciprocal views to and from the U.S. Capitol along Maryland Avenue, SW.
2. Enhance the nature of the site as one in a sequence of public spaces embellishing the Maryland Avenue vista.
3. Create a unified memorial site that integrates the disparate parcels into a meaningful and functional public gathering place that also unifies the surrounding precinct.
4. Reflect L'Enfant Plan principles by shaping the Memorial site as a separate and distinct public space that complements the Department of Education Headquarters and other surrounding buildings.
5. Respect and complement the architecture of the surrounding precinct.
6. Respect the building lines of the surrounding rights-of-way and the alignment of trees along Maryland Avenue.
7. Incorporate significant green space into the design of the memorial.

Does not adopt the applicant's draft design guidelines as submitted, and notes that additional or more detailed design guidelines may be developed and be incorporated in a Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement as consultation continues.

Finds that potential effects to the historic Maryland Avenue right-of-way and associated views and vistas merit special attention, and therefore underscores the requirement that the applicant obtain prior to and during design development the views of the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) and consulting parties through the Section 106 consultation process.

Notes that the Executive Director has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the site selection subject to the development and implementation of appropriate mitigation through adherence to the Design Principles and the Section 106 consultation process.

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