

**ANACOSTIA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MODERNIZATION**

1601 16th Street, SE
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the District of Columbia
Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

May 27, 2010

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the modernization of Anacostia Senior High School, located in Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 82.00(38.00)43021.

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The District of Columbia Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization has requested preliminary and final approval of site and building plans for the modernization of Anacostia Senior High School, located at 1601 16th Street in Southeast Washington. The modernization effort at Anacostia Senior High School will create a state of the art high school in place of the currently outdated facility.

The existing building is composed of five main parts: A, B, C, D, and E. Part C is the oldest and original part of the school and was constructed in the 1930s. Part C includes the auditorium, cafeteria, administrative functions, and classrooms. In the 1940s, Part B and Part D were added to Part C in a similar architectural style. These wings are currently used primarily for classrooms. In the 1950s Part E was added to the west of Part D; Part E currently houses a gymnasium with full locker room facilities and classrooms. An additional third floor of classrooms was added to Part D in the 1970s. At the north end of the site, Part A was added in the 1970s to house classrooms. This addition was built in the open classroom style that was dominant at the time. The configuration of this addition consists of a large central open area ringed by classrooms with low walls. This central portion is depressed on the ground floor. The exterior walls of this

portion of the building are un-insulated masonry with limited areas of glazing. The overall height of the building at the main entry of Part C is approximately 46 feet to the top of the parapet.

The project consists of a major renovation and restoration of Parts B, C, D, and E and the demolition of Part A. The design includes an improved cafeteria, a new media center, and a restored gymnasium and auditorium. A goal for this project is a minimum Silver rating in sustainable design under the LEED for Schools 2009 requirements. The construction of the project will be phased to allow the school to remain open throughout construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in June of 2010 and all phases are to be completed by January 2012.

As a District of Columbia project outside of the Central Area, NCPC is advisory and does not have independent responsibility for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act or the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its April 14, 2010 meeting and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were NCPC; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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