



Commission Action

October 2, 2014

PROJECT**Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial**

National Mall and Memorial Parks

[Bound by Independence Avenue, 4th Street
and 6th Street, SW, and by the

Lyndon B Johnson – Department of Education
Headquarters Building
Washington, DC

NCPC FILE NUMBER

6694

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Final approval of site and building
plans

SUBMITTED BY

United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service on behalf of the Dwight D.
Eisenhower Memorial Commission

ACTION TAKEN

Approve with comments

REVIEW AUTHORITY

Per 40 U.S.C. §8903, 40 U.S.C. §8905,
40 U.S.C. §8711(a), and 40 U.S.C.
§8722(b)(1) and (d)

The Commission:

Approves the revised preliminary site and building plans for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, including the Memorial Information Center.

Notes the Commission's decision to rescind its previous action to remove the Memorial Information Center from the project and encourages the applicant to explore locating the services to be provided in the Information Center in adjacent buildings.

Finds the revised preliminary memorial design to be consistent with the purposes of the National Capital Planning Act and the Commemorative Works Act

Finds that as a result of the modifications made to the project following the Commission's April 2014 review, the revised preliminary memorial design satisfies NCPC's adopted site selection design principles.

Notes that in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act the Commission **finds** that the Commission's action to approve the revised preliminary memorial design will not have a significant impact on the human environment. The Commission makes this finding relying upon the two environmental assessments prepared for the project; the revisions made to the memorial design since completion of the assessments; and the Commission's finding that the revised preliminary memorial design satisfies NCPC's adopted design principles, which are required mitigation in NCPC's Finding of No Significant Impact for site approval.

Notes the Commission's April 2014 comments on pedestrian circulation, perimeter security, and lighting have not yet been addressed by the applicant.

Notes that this is still a preliminary design and the project will continue to evolve as the applicant continues through the design review process and advances the memorial design toward final; and therefore, **recommends** that as the applicant further develops and refines the revised preliminary design it continue to explore ways to:

- Strengthen the overall concept of the memorial as a “layered experience” consisting of a memorial core within a park within a surrounding urban landscape.
- Enhance the openness of the Maryland Avenue right-of-way / viewshed.
- Improve the symbolic and physical relationship between the memorial and the Department of Education Building.

Requests the applicant to continue working with staff and return to the Commission prior to submitting for final review to report on additional modifications made to the preliminary memorial design, including changes that incorporate NCPC’s previous comments on pedestrian circulation, perimeter security, and lighting, and respond to any additional comments from NCPC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and Section 106 consulting parties.

Commemorative Works Act decision criteria:

Finds that the project successfully meets each of the specific decision criteria enumerated in the Commemorative Works Act, including the requirement that a commemorative work be built of durable materials suitable to the outdoor environment, **noting** the Commission’s April 2014 finding that the results of the durability tests conducted by the applicant show the tapestry materials and panel welds to be resistant to corrosion and mechanically sound.

Notes the Commission’s prior request that at the final review stage the applicant demonstrate the following:

- The tapestry material and welds continue to reach the same durability standards as fabrication methods are further refined.
- The recommended maintenance regimen, including cleaning, will not cause weld failure if carried out properly.
- The operational protocols that will be employed to avoid danger to the public during instances where snow and ice has accumulated on the tapestries.

Notes that the Commemorative Works Act currently prohibits acknowledgment of donor contributions in any manner as part of a commemorative work or its site, and that the information provided by the applicant to date does not appear to contain any form of donor recognition.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission	