



Commission Action

October 1, 2015

PROJECT

Perimeter Security Improvements

Harry S Truman Federal Building
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC

SUBMITTED BY

United States Department of State

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6541

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Preliminary approval of site and building plans

ACTION TAKEN

Approve with comments

REVIEW AUTHORITY

Approval
per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for the perimeter security improvements at the Harry S Truman Building, located at located at 2201 C Street, NW.

Recommends the applicant consider the following site and building plan modifications prior to submitting for final review:

Landscape Elements

- Ensure sufficient planting space for proposed and mature trees by evaluating the placement of security element foundations within planting areas in an effort to maintain healthy root systems.
- Consider placing trees in the proposed planting areas on both sides of the Diplomacy Center entry to provide shade for the proposed benches, if feasible.

Protective Barrier System

- Promote pedestrian flow by aligning bollards consistently with architectural elements to minimize disruption of pedestrian circulation and achieve a graceful transition between different security and architectural elements.
- Further develop the design for the proposed benches, bollards and railings to ensure a seamless integration of streetscape and security elements.
- Consider the design and integration of the proposed perimeter security elements, particularly at corner conditions, to avoid constricting pedestrian circulation.

Streetscape Elements

- Provide additional seating to enhance the pedestrian experience, including outside of the jogger's entrance.
- Integrate wayfinding and interpretive signage throughout the site to express the agency's diplomatic mission, and highlight the history of the building.

Pocket Park

- Further explore the function and character of the proposed pocket park as a gateway along 23rd Street and consider amenities, such as sculptural elements, to celebrate the mission of the agency.
- Explore a more interesting and intimate seating arrangement, and consider relocating the bicycle rack facility in order make the corner more visible and inviting.
- Explore an alternative security treatment around the northwest planting area to avoid redundant layers of solid walls that obstruct visibility.

Adopts the U.S. Department of State Finding of No Significant Impact for the Harry S Truman Building Perimeter Security Improvements Final Environmental Assessment; signed by DOS on August 27, 2015.

Requests a stormwater management plan, prepared in accordance with the Commission submission guidelines, that addresses compliance with the District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) regulations.

Notes that the relocation of the truck inspection activities from 21st Street, NW to the proposed location at D Street, NW requires a Transfer of Jurisdiction from the National Park Service for the use of Reservation 104. The Transfer of Jurisdiction will be submitted to the Commission at a later date.

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