



Commission Action

July 7, 2016

PROJECT National Museum of Natural History - South Entrance Renovation 1000 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7753
SUBMITTED BY Smithsonian Institution	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.24(38.00)44370
	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of comments on concept design
	ACTION TAKEN Approved comments as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The Commission:

Supports the preferred concept for a symmetrical switchback walkway at the south entrance of the National Museum of Natural History.

Recommends the Smithsonian Institution explore additional design solutions for the feature wall at the base of the walkway to reduce its scale and mass, and improve visibility of the historic building.

Requests information regarding circulation patterns surrounding the museum and how the Smithsonian will control the entry and exit sequence of the new walkway.

Requests the Smithsonian Institution:

- Explore alternatives to reduce the number of bollards at the base of the walkway; and
- Develop alternative bollard designs for the south entrance that take into account the architectural features of the existing building and proposed new symmetrical walkway.

Recommends lighting Scheme B as the preferred alternative to illuminate the new walkway as the lighting design allows the new walkway to stand as a complimentary element to the existing building.

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07/07/2016

Julia A. Koster

Date

Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission

