



## Commission Action

July 13, 2017

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>President Franklin D. Roosevelt Prayer Plaque</b> World War II Memorial The National Mall Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7727
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 00.00(73.10)44572
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Federal Projects in the District per 40 U.S.C. § 8905 and Public Law 113-123	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of comments on concept design
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved comments on concept design

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The Commission:

**Finds** that both Alternatives A and B have positive qualities and could be developed as an appropriate design for the Circle of Remembrance.

**Notes** that Alternative A is similar to the plaque location and design supported by the Commission in December 2016 because the addition of the free-standing plaque completes the geometric form of the circle.

**Notes** that Alternative B repositions the Circle of Remembrance, modifies existing circulation patterns, and expresses a different character from the primary WWII Memorial precinct.

**Finds** that Alternative B has a distinct contemporary design, locates the plaque prominently within the Circle of Remembrance, and preserves views to surrounding sites.

**Supports** Alternative B provided the applicant address the following issues as the design is further refined:

- Improve universally accessible (ABAAS-compliant) circulation into the Circle of Remembrance and around the plaque, while deterring pedestrian cut-throughs.
- Ensure ample universally accessible seating spaces for the anticipated visitor population.
- Create comfortable standing and sitting spaces for reading the plaque and contemplation, away from the entry/exit space.
- Improve the plaque design to promote text legibility, establish a clear hierarchy of the plaque above bench and wall elements, and discourage unintended uses such as sitting or sleeping.
- Provide porosity within the solid retaining wall to allow views into the surrounding landscape.
- Incorporate low-maintenance vegetation that promotes long-term legibility of the plaque.

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- Coordinate the repositioned location of the Circle of Remembrance and landscape planting plans with the Potomac Park Levee Project.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission

