



Commission Action

June 1, 2017

PROJECT Carnegie Library Rehabilitation 801 K Street, NW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7532
SUBMITTED BY Events DC of the District of Columbia	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 21.00(38.00)44553
REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (e)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of comments on concept design
	ACTION TAKEN Approved comments on concept design

The Commission:

Supports Events DC's vision to rehabilitate and modernize the Carnegie Library to provide a new retail use and enhanced educational opportunities for the public.

Notes that Events DC's concept plan requires balancing historic preservation, planning, and design considerations. The Commission offers the following comments on the project:

Exterior and Site Design

Notes that the exterior rehabilitation work will provide needed attention to maintaining the original and historic character-defining features of this National Register listed property. Staff does not anticipate any of the proposed exterior work to the building resulting in an adverse effect under Section 106, as the approach is in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, which encourages retaining historic fabric when possible, or replacing it with in-kind materials, when demonstrated as needed. The changes to the north elevation are impacting an area that has already been altered and modified, and include removing non-historic elements (stairs and awning), while correcting changes to the windows that resulted in the alteration.

Requests that Events DC explore opportunities for additional landscaping design and pedestrian amenities in Mount Vernon Square, and opportunities for better access to the Square, as part of the evaluation of alternatives in the NEPA and Section 106 process.

Requests Events DC provide further information on exterior lighting changes and signage as the project evolves and design coordination occurs.

Historic Preservation/Environmental Considerations

Notes that the Commission through the Section 106 process and in consultation with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office, Events DC, and consulting parties will make a determination as to whether the project will have adverse effects on the Carnegie Library. If so, the Commission will execute a memorandum of agreement to resolve those effects.

Notes that while potential adverse effects remain to be determined through the Section 106 process, the concept plan respects the historic significance of the Carnegie Library while accommodating new retail and educational uses within the library.

Notes the Environmental Assessment for the NEPA process will analyze and evaluate topic areas including pedestrian access, transportation, historic resources, landscape and site improvements, hazardous materials, land use, public space, utilities, and energy.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission	