



Commission Action

April 5, 2018

PROJECT Building Exterior, Vestibules, and Site Improvements National Air and Space Museum Independence Avenue at 6th Street, SW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7585
SUBMITTED BY Smithsonian Institution	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.41(38.00)44713
REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of preliminary and final site and building plans
	ACTION TAKEN Approved preliminary and final site and building plans

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary and final site and building plans for the Building Exterior, Vestibules, and Site Improvements at the National Air and Space Museum, located at Independence Avenue at 6th Street, SW Washington, DC.

Finds the Smithsonian has addressed all of the Commission's comments from the previous revised concept review and that the preliminary and final design includes:

- An infinity-edge water feature on the proposed plinth of the Delta Solar sculpture to create a welcoming entry to the museum and the National Mall along Seventh Street, and preserve the integrity of the sculpture.
- Site amenities, such as benches, movable tables and chairs; and the integration of the adjacent large exhibit access area into the west plaza composition.
- Bicycle facilities, and improved lighting. The Smithsonian has committed to work with the District Department of Transportation to identify a suitable location for a Capital Bikeshare station on the museum grounds after the terrace construction is complete.
- A reduction in the base of the Ad Astra sculpture to avoid impacting pedestrian circulation and provide sufficient clearance for bus drop off and pick up areas.
- A landscape plan that addresses tree replacement to prevent net loss of tree canopy in accordance with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*.

Notes that the only changes to the existing perimeter security on the museum grounds focus on the southwest corner of the site. The final design includes a new Delta Solar fountain integrated into perimeter security, a solid wall and bollards.

