



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Gate Redesign Marine Barracks Washington Annex 8th and I Streets, SE Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7871
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SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense Department of the Navy	ACTION TAKEN Approve as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy has submitted preliminary and final plans for a fence and gate redesign at the Marine Barracks Washington (MBW) Annex in Washington, D.C. The Navy notes that this project is to assist in improving the surrounding grounds of the MBW. The main access point to the MBW Annex, off 7th Street, SE currently lacks an identifiable sense of entry and pedestrian scale. This project seeks to create a more pedestrian-friendly access to the facility, while also bringing the facility more in line with U.S. Marine Corps branding of the Main Post. The Commission approved preliminary site development plans for this project in May 2017, and stipulated that the Navy remove a proposed concrete arch element from the design as part of that approval.

The project's main goal is to develop a new inviting, safe, and secure street entrance that be used as the main gate for concert attendees to the MBW Annex building, as well as to design the landscape adjacent to the new gate entrance. The concept design incorporates new brick columns that will display on-going and upcoming performances held at the auditorium. In addition, a new paved entrance will be installed with adjacent planting beds at the gate entrance and leading to the concert hall. The proposed ground disturbance for this project is approximately 2,426 square feet.

The current fence along 7th Street, SE, is a steel picket fence, 10 feet tall, constructed in 8' panels attached to square steel tubes that are set in concrete footings. The new fence will have the same type of construction, will also be 10 feet tall and attached to square steel tubes set in concrete footings. However, the panel widths will change to 6 foot, 8 inches. Additions to the re-designed fence line include seven new brick pillars to which the fence panels will be attached. Six of the brick pillars (paralleling 7th Street, SE) will be approximately 2 feet, 8 inches wide and 10 feet tall. The northern most pillar will be 2 feet, 8 inches to match the existing southern most pillar, which remains in place. The outer pillars will feature display cases which can accommodate a poster size of 30 inches wide by 42 inches tall. The proposed new gate design incorporates new brick columns that will display on-going and upcoming performances held at the auditorium. The pillars flanking the center gate will feature bronze placards with the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor (EGA) emblems, which be proportionate to the arch width. The Navy has responded to the Commission's recommendation and has removed the proposed concrete arch over the main

walkway which has helped to simplify the design. The Navy is now proposing lights on top of the pillars flanking the main pedestrian walk and staff is supportive of this change.

The proposed project is included in the Final Master Plan for the campus, which the Commission is reviewing at its March 2018 meeting. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Navy evaluated this project along in the master plan environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS was concluded on Jan. 24 with the Navy signing a record of decision (ROD). As it is a small project with only minor impacts, this project can be categorically excluded from further review pursuant to NCPC's NEPA regulations.

Fulfilling its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Navy entered into a programmatic agreement on October 2, 2017 for the master plan, which included this project. Under the PA, this project needed to be coordinated with the consulting parties. This coordination occurred on February 6, 2018 and the consulting parties agreed that the project would have no adverse effect on historic resources.

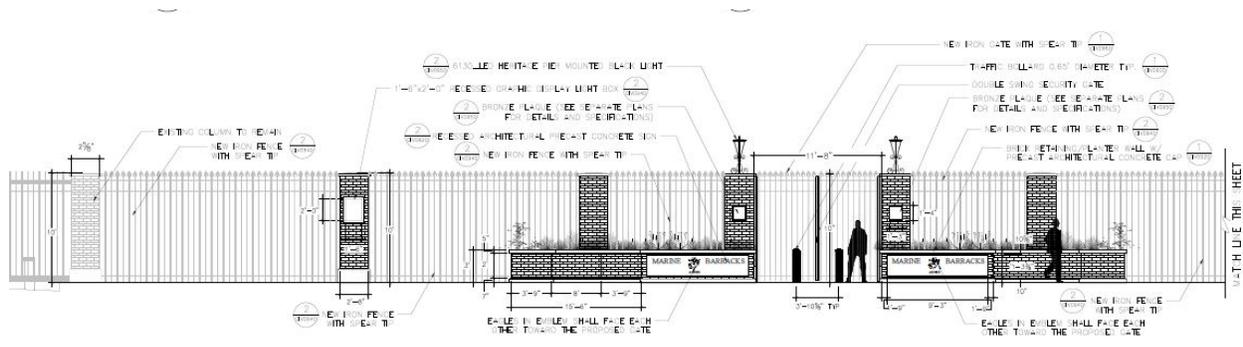


Figure 1: Elevation of proposed MBW Annex Gate Project

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its February 7, 2018 meeting. The Committee forwarded the preliminary and final review to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were: NCPC; the District Department of Transportation; the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office; the District Office of Energy and the Environment; the District Office of Planning; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Staff finds that this project is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan as it supports policies in the Transportation, Historic Preservation and Urban Design Elements regarding making federal installations pedestrian friendly, preserving historic resources and allowing federal sites to fit within their urban context./

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for a new pedestrian gate and perimeter fence at the Marine Barracks Washington Annex site along 7th Street, SE in Washington, DC.

// Original Signed //

February 22, 2018

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

Date