



Commission Action

April 4, 2019

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| PROJECT Franklin Park Rehabilitation Bound by K Street, I Street, 13th Street, and 14th Street, NW Washington, DC | NCPC FILE NUMBER 7545 |
| SUBMITTED BY United States Department of the Interior National Park Service | NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 21.00(70.00)44895 |
| REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d) | APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of final site and building plans |
| | ACTION TAKEN Approved final site and building plans |

The Commission:

Approves the final site and building plans for the rehabilitation of Franklin Park, located in downtown Washington, DC.

Notes that given the changing context of downtown, the partners are mutually interested in the park serving a diversity of users including young and old District residents, workers, and visitors.

Notes that Franklin Park is a contributing element of the L'Enfant Plan and is located in a thriving and changing part of downtown Washington, DC.

Notes that unlike other NPS squares and circles in Washington, DC, the design of Franklin Park is unique in that it offers a more natural respite with mature trees, circular paths, and a fountain with a pool as its focal point.

Finds the design celebrates and respects the historic character of the park while enhancing the current and future experience for park visitors.

Finds the refined café and Children's Garden designs address prior Commission recommendations and provide engaging new uses for park visitors.

Finds the central plaza and fountain rehabilitation paired with the additional play jets and enhanced programming provides a complementary balance of historic preservation with contemporary park design and programming.

Commends the public-private partnership between the NPS, District, and DowntownDC BID to revitalize and manage Franklin Park, serving as a blueprint for other parks in Washington.

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