



## Commission Action

July 11, 2019

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Building Envelope Repairs</b> Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden 700 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7889
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> Smithsonian Institution	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 1.71(38.00)44960
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of comments on concept plans
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved comments on concept design

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The Commission:

**Notes** the Hirshhorn Museum building is 45 years old, and due to the effects of aging, weather, and design deficiencies in the original building envelope, is in need of repair.

**Supports** the Smithsonian Institution's efforts to address structural deterioration, prevent water infiltration and condensation, improve the building envelope performance, and protect the museum collections.

**Notes** the Smithsonian Institution has proposed the in-kind replacement of the precast concrete panels on the exterior façade, with an additional three-inch space to accommodate waterproofing, insulation, and structural attachment.

**Finds** the proposed dimensional change in the building section will generally not alter the perception of the building, particularly if the panel joint pattern is retained, and the precast concrete aggregate matches the original design.

**Notes** the Smithsonian Institution will continue to work the DC State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and other consulting parties as part of the Section 106 process to further reduce any potential changes to the character-defining features of the building.

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