



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Winter Pavilion - Winter Arc Farragut Square Park 912 17th Street, NW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8119
	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 20.00(70.00)45015
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	ACTION TAKEN Approve as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

On behalf of the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID), the National Park Service (NPS) has submitted an application for preliminary and final review by the Commission, for a temporary installation at Farragut Square Park. The installation is entitled “Winter Arc” and consists of two rings of PVC pipes that are centered on the Farragut Square Monument, but does not touch it directly. The arc creates an open pavilion structure encircling the statue, and is approximately 115 feet long, 90 feet wide, and fifteen feet tall at its tallest section. The arc will be anchored in the surrounding soil of the square, with holes no more than six inches deep, and no more than two and half inches wide. Holes will be spaced every three feet.

As mentioned, the arc will be comprised of PVC pipes, with lateral holes drilled for stainless steel eye bolt connectors, and the arcs will lean into the ground screws and fastened. Lateral bracing cables will also be installed for increased stability. Once installed, Winter Arc will not impede pedestrian circulation around the statue or through Farragut Square Park. One eighteen inch by twenty-four inch color plaque will serve as temporary signage. The lighting for installation is still being developed, but NPS envisions using small LED lights at the base of the arcs, but only on the installation, without impacting the existing lighting levels or lighting strategy for the monument and the surrounding square.

The BID envisions the Winter Arc to be an artistic backdrop, a meeting place, and an exciting moment to contrast the bleak gray of the Washington winter. The BID also will present related programming in the park to further highlight the ingenuity and creative spirit of this project. The installation will be on view from February to April 2020.

While the installation is temporary in nature, both NPS and NCPC have compliance responsibilities under both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The NPS has determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion (CATEX) under its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) policies and procedures and has submitted all required documentation. The CATEX relates to signs, displays, and kiosks. Because it has an approval authority in the review of this project, NCPC has an independent obligation to comply with NEPA, and is applying its own CATEX consistent with §601.12 (a)(2) of the agency’s environmental policies and procedures. As part of the consultation

process required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) has concurred with a finding of “no adverse effect” on historic properties for the project. NCPC is designating NPS as the lead agency for compliance with NHPA.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its October 16, 2019 meeting. The participating agencies were NCPC; the DC SHPO; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT); the District Department of Energy and Environment; the General Services Administration; the National Park Service; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Without objection, the Committee forwarded the proposed preliminary and final site development plans to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies.

The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts approved the temporary installation at its September 19, 2019 meeting.



Figure 1 Rendering of the Proposed Temporary Winter Arc structure in Farragut Square.

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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 preliminary and final site development plans for the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Winter Arc Temporary Installation at Farragut Square Park, 912 17th Street, NW, in Washington, DC, for a period from January 2020 through April 2020.

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10/31/2019

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

Date