



## Commission Action

October 3, 2019

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>National World War I Memorial</b> Pennsylvania Avenue Between 14th and 15th Streets, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7682
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 1.23(73.10)44997
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8905 and Public Law 113-291	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of final site development plans
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved final site development plan with comments

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The Commission:

**Approves** the final site development plans for the National World War I Memorial, in Washington, DC, including a freestanding wall with integrated fountain, and a plaza with pool, scrim, and “island” walkway. The west face of the wall includes an inscription, while the east face consists of a cantilevered sculpture.

**Finds** the design has been revised to reflect the Commission’s comments at preliminary review, to include an appropriate lighting approach, simplified signage, and material selections for the pool and walkway.

**Finds** that the project successfully meets the specific decision criteria enumerated in the Commemorative Works Act.

**Commends** the World War I Centennial Commission for the thoughtfulness and depth of the interpretive program, and the integration of traditional and contemporary approaches within the memorial and park setting.

**Finds** that in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, NCPC’s action to approve the final memorial design will not have a significant impact on the human environment. The Commission makes this finding relying upon the environmental assessment prepared for the project by the National Park Service, along with the National Capital Planning Commission as cooperating agency.

**Notes** that a Memorandum of Agreement has been prepared pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and that mitigation and minimization measures are included to address adverse effects on cultural landscapes resulting from the project, to include a National

Historic Register Nomination, documentation of the existing site, and Modernist Landscapes Context study.

**Finds** the memorial and enhanced park space is a positive addition to the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor and further, the World War I Centennial Commission can be an important partner to enhance the Avenue through programming, events, and other activities that engage visitors, residents and the general public.

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