



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Carnegie Library Rehabilitation – Window Glazing Replacement and New Fence</b> 801 K Street, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8234
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> Events DC	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 31.20(38.00)45235
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved the preliminary and final site development plans
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (e)

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Events DC has submitted an application for preliminary and final site development plans for the Carnegie Library. The project includes changes to window glazing on select windows on the building's north elevation, and new fencing on the west side of the buildings at the employee bike parking area. The Carnegie Library Rehabilitation project received final approval by the Commission on October 5, 2017, with revised signage approved by the Commission on December 5, 2019.

The project purpose is to address security concerns resulting from recent events. In June 2020, protesters broke into the Apple store by gaining entry through the historic replica windows on either side of the north entry door. In order to prevent future break-ins at the windows reachable from the north stair, the glazing assembly will be changed to a more secure installation. Glass samples for both assemblies have been compared to the existing glazing to confirm they are a visual match. There will be no change to the exterior appearance of the windows and the only change on the interior is that the glazing assembly on a few windows will be slightly further into the frame than the existing condition. Given the overall thickness of the wood frame, the visual impact will be negligible.

The second part of the project is a new fence which will enclose the existing employee bike parking area. The fence is intended to prevent the theft of bicycles. The proposed fence will match the existing fence installed on the east side of the building during the renovation. Overall, staff finds the proposed project components are relatively minor, and do not detract from the historic character of either the Carnegie Library or its setting within Mount Vernon Square.

NCPC is the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). After review, the revision has been determined eligible for categorical exclusion #3 which applies to the approval of the installation or restoration of minor building elements, such as, but not limited to, windows, door, roofs, building signs, and rooftop equipment and green roofs. No extraordinary circumstances were deemed applicable.

NCPC also serves as lead federal agency for Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act. In consultation with the DC State Historic Preservation Officer, NCPC staff has determined that the proposed project components do not have the potential to adversely affect historic properties. Further, the project complies with the stipulations of the executed Memorandum of Agreement for the project.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the revision to the site development plans at its November 12, 2020 meeting. 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 participating agencies were: NCPC; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation; the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment; the General Services Administration; the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO); the National Park Service; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts approved the project on their consent agenda for their November 19, 2020 meeting.

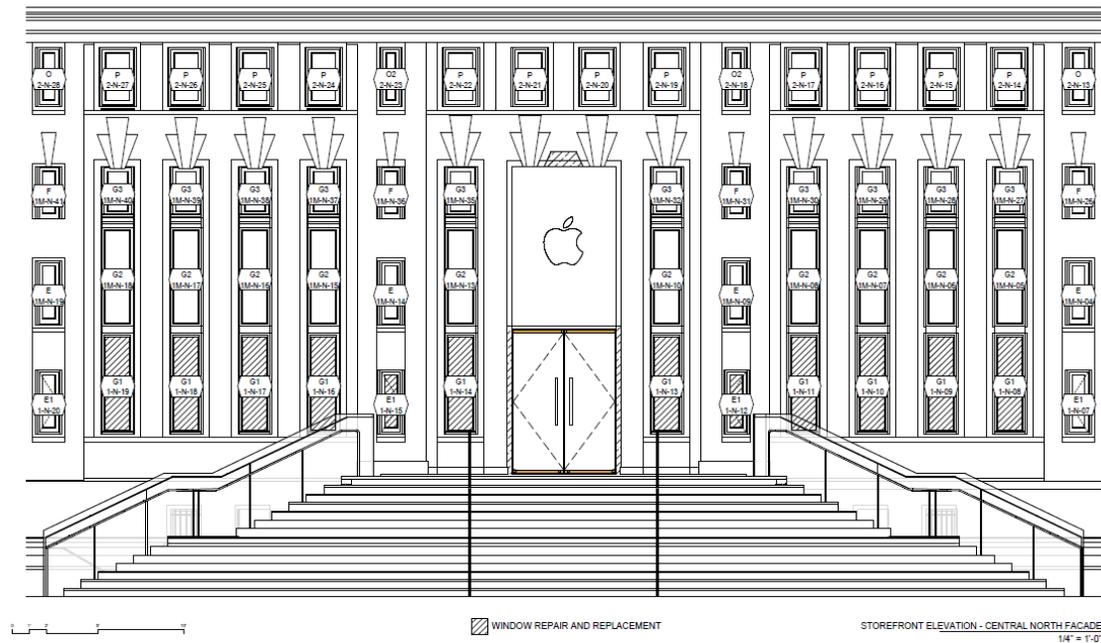


Figure 1 North Elevation of the Carnegie Library showing windows to be re-glazed.

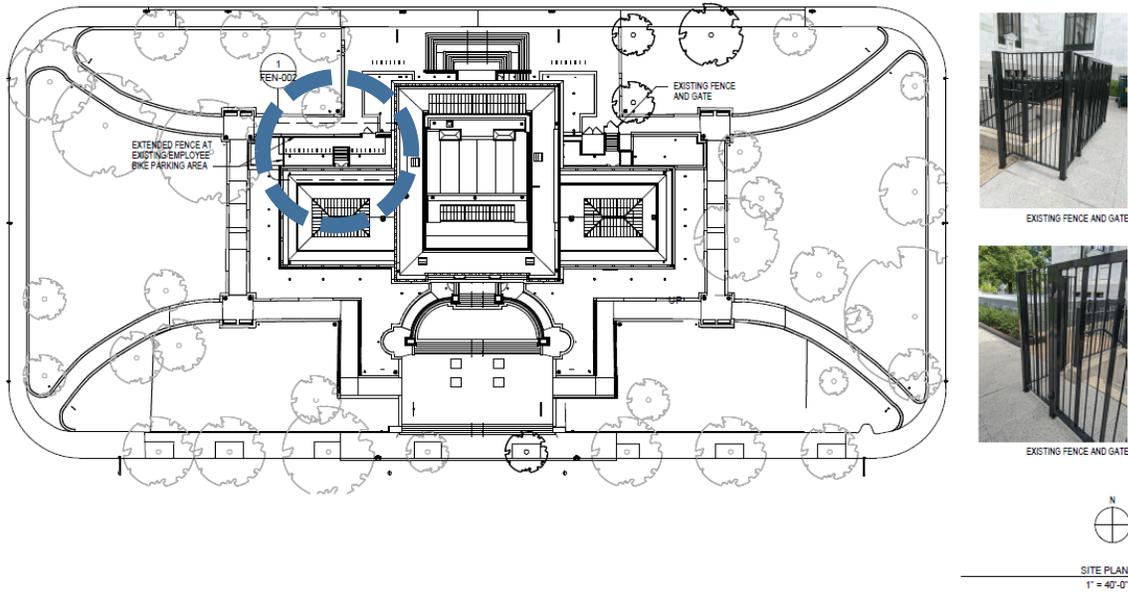


Figure 2: Site Plan of Mount Vernon Square showing bike parking area to be fenced and photos of existing fencing on site.

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (e), I approve the revised preliminary and final site development plans for new window glazing and a new fence around the western employee bike parking area for the Carnegie Library, located at 801 Mt. Vernon Avenue, NW, in Washington, D.C.

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