



Commission Action

May 7, 2020

PROJECT Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance National Mall Daniel French Drive and Independence Avenue, NW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8107
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.71(73.10)45107
	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of preliminary and final site development plans
	ACTION TAKEN Approved preliminary and final site development plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8905

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary and final site development plans for the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance, located on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Finds the proposed Wall of Remembrance is consistent with the original memorial design, is integrated into the landscape, and minimizes visual and environmental impacts to the National Mall, while improving access and circulation.

Notes that NPS proposes two new connections to the memorial – one from Ash Road to the north and one from Independence Avenue to the south. Both connections would bring visitors directly into the circular Pool of Remembrance.

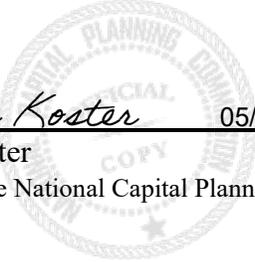
Finds that the proposed connections from Ash Road and Independence Avenue will improve the visitor experience and connectivity of the memorial with the surrounding context. Ash Road connects the Korean War Veterans Memorial to nearby memorials and attractions on the National Mall, including the soon-to-be-renovated US Park Police Stables located immediately to the east. The path from Independence Avenue will provide access from the south for visitors coming from the Martin Luther King Jr, Memorial and West Potomac Park.

Finds that the wall profile has been simplified by eliminating the stone cap and lighting fixture on the top, and the slope of the wall has been modified, lowering the wall's overall height, while increasing visibility to and from the Memorial.

Finds that the overall lighting design for the memorial is relatively simple, improves needed night time visibility, and respects the hierarchy of memorials, monuments, and important civic buildings

and spaces in the nation's capital, with the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument the most prominent features in the nighttime skyline.

Notes the Wall of Remembrance's intersection with the existing Mural Wall has been revised to include a simple extension of the Wall of Remembrance's curved metal rail, with no lighting, and paving matching the Plaza of Remembrance.

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