



## Commission Action

May 7, 2020

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Proposed Entrance Alterations at 726 Jackson Place, NW</b> 726 Jackson Place, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8164
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States General Services Administration	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 1.32(00.00)45108
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of preliminary site and building plans
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved preliminary site and building plans with comments

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The Commission:

**Approves** the preliminary site and building plans for the proposed entrance alterations at 726 Jackson Place, NW in Washington, DC.

**Notes** the applicant has worked closely with the consulting parties, including NCPC, the DC State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service, and the Commission of Fine Arts to simplify the design and minimize impacts to the existing buildings.

**Requests** the applicant consider options to create a more generous and inviting landing at the entrance to the new addition from the courtyard side. Design options could improve pedestrian circulation by relocating the light poles, widening the landing, or widening the accessible ramp, to help create a more inviting and functional space.

**Requests** the applicant evaluate the use of plantings or vines to help soften the height of the courtyard wall, and to help mitigate the loss of the magnolia tree.

**Notes** the proposed design does not preclude the New Executive Office Building 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW entrance from being reopened in the future, if conditions allow.

**Recommends** the applicant consider options to improve the streetscape along 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW as a way to enhance the pedestrian experience, including new landscaping within the existing building planters.

  
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Julia A. Koster 05/08/20  
Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission

