



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT

**United Arab Emirates Chancery
Rear Guard Booth and Pergola Expansion**
International Chancery Center
3522 International Court, NW
Washington, DC

SUBMITTED BY

United States Department of State

NCPC FILE NUMBER

8239

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER

72.10(61.30)45252

ACTION TAKEN

Approve preliminary and final site
and building plans

REVIEW AUTHORITY

Approval

Per Section 4 of the International Center Act
(Public Law 90-553, amended by Public
Law 97-186)

On behalf of the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, the Department of State has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for a proposed guard booth at the United Arab Emirates Chancery, located within the International Chancery Center (ICC) in northwest Washington, DC. The guard booth will be located at the rear of the Chancery property, adjacent to the rear terrace and constructed as an expansion of an existing pergola structure. The new addition to the pergola structure will serve as a guard post in the rear of the property allowing security staff to unobtrusively observe guests in the rear terrace/patio area. This structure will be approximately 6.5 feet by 6.5 feet in area and 11 feet in height. The UAE states the guard booth is necessary in the rear of the property because there is no available space on the ground floor of the existing chancery building and there is a need to have the guard staff close to the rear terrace/patio for a quick response, when necessary.

All projects at the ICC must be consistent with the ICC Development Controls, which guide all development at the ICC. The Development Controls were first adopted by the Commission in 1971 and most recently amended in 2018. The Development Controls allow a lot occupancy of 39% for the UAE Chancery. The proposed project, which will be approximately 40 square feet, will raise the lot occupancy to 38.9%. In addition, the Development Controls allow pergolas within side yard setbacks. This project is an expansion of an existing pergola. Therefore, staff finds this project is consistent with the Development Controls. Further, the proposed guard booth/pergola expansion is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements, in particular policies in the Foreign Missions and International Organizations Element.

Pursuant to NCPC's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations, staff finds that the project meets categorical exclusion 601.12 (a)(6) which pertains to the expansion of existing buildings or structures. Staff also determined that no extraordinary circumstances were present before applying the categorical exclusion. Regarding compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, staff initiated Section 106 consultation with the DC State Historic Preservation

Office (SHPO). The SHPO concurred with the no adverse effect determination in a letter dated January 27, 2021.

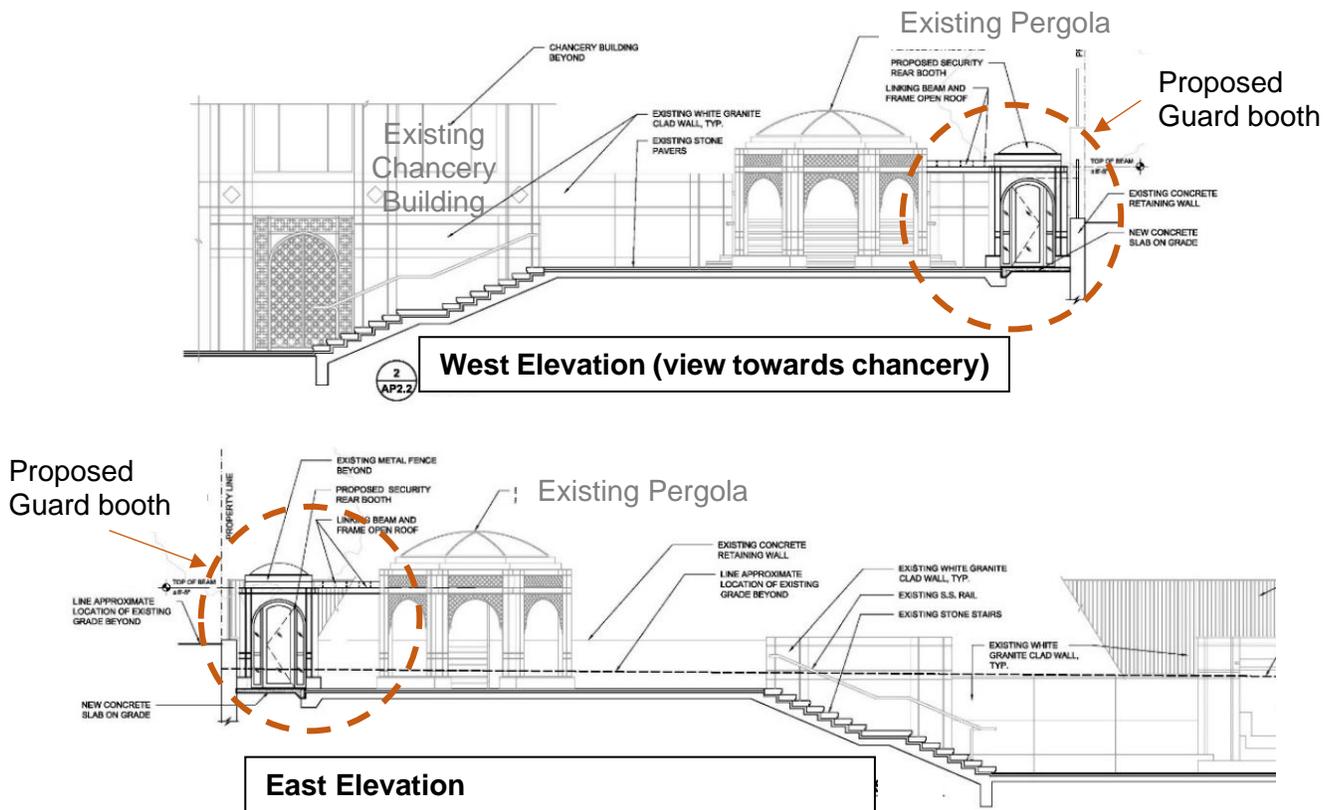


Figure 1 – Elevations of Proposed Guard Booth

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the project on January 13, 2021. Without objection, the Committee forwarded project to the Commission with the statement that it has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were the NCPC; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation; the District State Historic Preservation Office (via email); the District Department of Energy and Environment; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per Section 4 of the International Center Act (Public Law 90-553, amended by Public Law 97-186), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for a proposed expansion of an existing

pergola for creating a new guard booth in the rear of the United Arab Emirates Chancery at the International Chancery Center located in Northwest Washington, DC.



Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

1/28/25

Date