

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6694



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## DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL

BOUNDED BY INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AND 6<sup>TH</sup> STREETS, SW, AND  
BY THE  
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BUILDING

Southwest Washington, DC

Submitted by United States Department of the Interior – National Park Service

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### *Commission Action Requested*

Approval of comments on concept design alternatives, pursuant to Public Law 107-117, 109-220 and the Commemorative Works Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 8905).

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### *Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Supports** the applicant's efforts to develop a memorial that utilizes modern and innovative ways to commemorate President Dwight D. Eisenhower in a manner that is unlike any other Presidential memorial in Washington, DC, including the possible use of the woven stainless steel tapestries as a memorial element with modifications.

**Finds** that the proposed concept designs are not yet consistent with the Commission's 2006 site approval action that requires the applicant to use the Section 106 process to design the Memorial to meet, to the Commission's satisfaction, the established design principles.

**Finds** that relative to the design principles the Maryland Roadway (Alternative #1) concept design satisfies the following principles:

- Enhance the nature of the site as one in a sequence of public spaces embellishing the Maryland Avenue vista.
- Reflect L'Enfant Plan principles by shaping the Memorial site as a separate and distinct public space that complements the Department of Education Headquarters and other surrounding buildings.
- Respect and complement the architecture of the surrounding precinct.
- Respect the building lines of the surrounding rights-of-way and the alignment of trees along Maryland Avenue.

And does not satisfy:

- Preserve reciprocal views to and from the U.S. Capitol along Maryland Avenue, SW.
- Create a unified memorial site that integrates the disparate parcels into a meaningful and functional public gathering place that also unifies the surrounding precinct.
- Incorporate significant green space into the design of the memorial.

**Finds** that relative to the design principles the Maryland Promenade (Alternative #2) concept design satisfies the following principles:

- Enhance the nature of the site as one in a sequence of public spaces embellishing the Maryland Avenue vista.
- Create a unified memorial site that integrates the disparate parcels into a meaningful and functional public gathering place that also unifies the surrounding precinct.
- Reflect L'Enfant Plan principles by shaping the Memorial site as a separate and distinct public space that complements the Department of Education Headquarters and other surrounding buildings.
- Respect and complement the architecture of the surrounding precinct.
- Respect the building lines of the surrounding rights-of-way and the alignment of trees along Maryland Avenue.
- Incorporate significant green space into the design of the memorial.

And does not satisfy:

- Preserve reciprocal views to and from the U.S. Capitol along Maryland Avenue, SW.

**Finds** that relative to the design principles the Maryland Park (Alternative #3) concept design satisfies the following principles:

- Enhance the nature of the site as one in a sequence of public spaces embellishing the Maryland Avenue vista.
- Incorporate significant green space into the design of the memorial.

And does not satisfy:

- Preserve reciprocal views to and from the U.S. Capitol along Maryland Avenue, SW.
- Create a unified memorial site that integrates the disparate parcels into a meaningful and functional public gathering place that also unifies the surrounding precinct.
- Reflect L'Enfant Plan principles by shaping the Memorial site as a separate and distinct public space that complements the Department of Education Headquarters and other surrounding buildings.
- Respect and complement the architecture of the surrounding precinct.
- Respect the building lines of the surrounding rights-of-way and the alignment of trees along Maryland Avenue.

**Notes** that the design principles are included as required mitigation in the Executive Director's Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for site selection and must be met to mitigate otherwise potentially significant environmental impacts.

**Notes** that the applicant is required to develop the design through the Section 106 consultation process to fully meet the design principles to better relate the Memorial to the surrounding context, and to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any identified adverse effects as required by the National Historic Preservation Act.

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