

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 5907



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL MEMORIAL
TIDAL BASIN, WEST POTOMAC PARK
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the National Park Service

July 10, 2008

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of preliminary site and building plans pursuant to Public Law 104-333, Public Law 105-201, and Public Law 99-952, as amended and the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8905).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for the memorial's Visitor Contact Station/Bookstore/Restroom Building only, as shown on the NCPC Map File No. 1.51(73.10)-42570, and;

Notes that the Commission supports the overall design of the memorial, but is unable to move forward at this time because of unresolved issues surrounding the proposed introduction by the National Park Service of perimeter security elements that will impact the memorial design, and because the location of West Basin Drive is subject to change during the conclusion of the Section 106 consultation process;

Discourages the National Park Service from adding perimeter security to the design of the memorial because it is likely to disrupt the design concept for the memorial;

Defers preliminary approval of the memorial other than the Visitor Contact Station/Bookstore/Restroom Building, and requires the applicant to:

- Provide the final alignment and roadway design for West Basin Drive.
- Provide a design for proposed security elements for the memorial, if the National Park Service demonstrates that such security elements are necessary. The submission for perimeter security elements must include a threat assessment supporting the need for, and design and placement of proposed perimeter security elements in accordance with: the Commission's submission requirements; the Commission's National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan Objectives and Policies (adopted May 5, 2005); an analysis by the Park

Service of how such perimeter security measures are supported in the existing NEPA document for the memorial project (or supplemental NEPA documentation); and evidence of Section 106 compliance for the introduction of perimeter security elements.

- Provide preliminary and final design for the sculpture for the *Stone of Hope*.

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