

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6669



UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE
NEW HEADQUARTERS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION CENTER
23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the U.S. Institute of Peace

June 1, 2006

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Comment on concept site and building plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(d) and § 8722(b)(1).

Commission Action

The Commission:

- **Comments favorably** on the concept site and building plans for the U.S. Institute of Peace Headquarters and Public Education Center, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.33 (38.00)-42034.
- **Requests**, in the U.S. Institute of Peace subsequent preliminary site and building plan submission, that the following elements of the project design be examined in the project development to address the following:
 - The establishment of project site work limits and the extent and nature of the western garden site development and full project grading plan. Currently, the site grading and relationship to the building ancillary entrances appear inconsistent and severely constrained at the west side of the structure as depicted on the submitted drawings.
 - The Institute review, analyze, and provide for a public space streetscape setback and right-of-way delineation at its site adjacent to any future revised bridge ramp west of the Institute's planned location. Additionally, pedestrian and bikeway connections are to be clearly established and marked out at the west and south portions of the site; even if at this time the Institute's project may precede the future development of the revised Kennedy Center Access Improvements and alteration of the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge.

- That added text information and further visual depiction of the building's nighttime appearance and site lighting be submitted to indicate the intent and character of the project light enhancement (both internal and external) pertaining to its potential effect to the visual environment. This information should examine both the nearby Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street area, but also significant viewpoints from the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, the National Mall, and Lincoln Memorial.

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