

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6479



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**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION**  
PATENT OFFICE BUILDING – COURTYARD LANDSCAPE  
G, F, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

July 6, 2006

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*Commission Action Requested by Applicant*

Approval of final site development plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

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*Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Approves** the final site development plans for the reconstruction of the courtyard landscape, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 21.00(38.00)42060.

Notes that the Smithsonian Institution:

- Has developed a courtyard design that will allow the courtyard to serve as a public amenity for all visitors to the Patent Office Building and that the Smithsonian has fulfilled the mitigation measures required by the Commission when it approved the final site and building plans for the courtyard enclosure in September 2005 with the exception of the installation of the fountains.
- Has responded to the Commission's April 2006 action by submitting a concept for an exhibit installation on the interpretation of the cast iron fountains and their original courtyard setting in partial mitigation for their removal and loss, and that the Commission looks forward to further review of the exhibit proposal as it is developed.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission