

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6179



AMERICAN VETERANS DISABLED FOR LIFE MEMORIAL

Bounded by C, 2nd Street SW, and Washington Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Submitted By the National Park Service

December 7, 2006

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of concept design pursuant to the Commemorative Works Act, 40 U.S.C. § 8905.

Commission Action

The Commission:

Comments favorably on the revised design concept for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.72(73.10)42141.

Requires the following at the preliminary design stage:

- Details of water elements illustrating the character and flow of water, including during periods when water will be turned off.
- Details of accommodations and seating for the physically disabled, including persons with visual or hearing impairments.
- More fully developed streetscape designs at edges of interstate entrance ramps and at crosswalks; design elements should prevent mid-block and/or entrance ramp pedestrian crossings.
- Findings of the Site/Civil and Traffic Engineering study currently under development.

Notes that the Architect of the Capitol requests of the applicant the following:

- Additional study of traffic impacts at the intersection of Washington Avenue with 2nd Street, SW to determine whether the intersection design will allow an acceptable level of service during peak periods for left turn traffic from northbound Washington Avenue to southbound 2nd Street, SW.; and whether the intersection design will adversely affect the vehicular egress patterns from the Rayburn Office Building.

- Additional study of site lighting, particularly along Washington Avenue.
- Coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services to determine whether exhaust from bus circulation associated with the site will adversely affect the Health and Human Services daycare facility.
- Information on how the site will be maintained.

Commends the National Park Service and the design team for the excellent response to unanticipated site modifications, while improving on the overall design and functionality of the memorial.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission