

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. MP053



NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK MASTER PLAN

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

November 6, 2008

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of final master plan, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

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The Commission:

Notes that the Environmental Assessment prepared for the master plan and the public comments on the Environmental Assessment provide information to guide the Commission in its decision-making and that the Executive Director has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for the master plan.

Approves the master plan for the National Zoological Park, **with the exceptions noted below**, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 72.00(05.00)42588, subject to the implementation of the required mitigation actions indicated in the Executive Director's Finding of No Significant Impact, as follows:

- During design and construction, implement erosion and sediment control measures in accordance with District of Columbia requirements and the regulations of the Department of the Environment and Department of Health. The control measures address federal responsibilities for meeting Clean Water Act pollution control requirements.
- Accomplish Memoranda of Agreement with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) that identify requirements and mitigation to be employed during the individual project development phases deemed to have an adverse effect on historic resources by the DC SHPO, when more detailed design features and effects can be evaluated under the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process. Design stages of individual projects must consider ways to avoid and minimize impacts to character-defining historic structures and cultural landscape features.

Disapproves the 300-space underground parking structure identified as item (B4) of the plan and thirty-five (35) official guest and volunteer parking spaces because the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) is not able to demonstrate that the provision of these spaces conforms to policies in the Transportation Element of the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital and because potential adverse traffic impacts on surrounding roadways and intersections have not been adequately addressed in the TMP.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission