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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

18 September 2003

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Isabel; however, there was pertinent correspondence (accessible by the blue links below) for some agenda items.

AM 9:00 **CONVENE**, Suite 312, 401 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001-2728

I. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Approval of minutes: 17 July 2003
- B. Dates of next meetings: 16 October 2003
20 November 2003
18 December 2003 (Optional)
- C. Reappointment of Heather Cass, FAIA, to the Old Georgetown Board. (Postponed to October 2003)
- D. Report and confirmation of the recommendations on the design of the Director of the United States Mint Medal and the design of the reverse of the 2004 nickel. (Postponed to October 2003)
- E. Report and confirmation of the recommendation on the maquette of the Memorial to the Crew of the [Columbia Orbiter](#). (Previous: CFA 19/Jun/03-2).
- F. Report and confirmation of the recommendation on the new lighting design for the [John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#).
- G. Report on the quality of night lighting on Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House (Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site). (Postponed to October 2003)

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. National Park Service

CFA 18/SEP/03-1, Lincoln Memorial, West Potomac Park. Rehabilitation of the lighting. Concept. (Postponed to October 2003)

B. District of Columbia Courts / General Services Administration

CFA 18/SEP/03-2, District of Columbia Old Courthouse, Judiciary Square, between D and E streets, NW. Addition and renovation. Concept. (Previous: for underground parking garage: CFA 17/JUL/03- 10). (Postponed to October 2003)

C. National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

CFA 18/SEP/03-3, National Law Enforcement Museum, Judiciary Square (Federal Reservation #7), E Street between Court Buildings E and C, and north of Old City Hall. Preliminary concept. (Previous: CFA 20/MAR/03- 2). (Postponed to October 2003)

D. General Services Administration

1. [CFA 18/SEP/03-4](#), Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW. Building modernization, renovation and security modifications. Concept.
2. CFA 18/SEP/03-5, Environmental Protection Agency, East and West Buildings, 1200 Block of Constitution Avenue, NW. New landscape design and installation of demonstration Low Impact Development (LID) storm water management systems. Concept. (Postponed to October 2003)
3. CFA 18/SEP/03-6, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building. Constitution Avenue and 12th Street, NW. New courtyard design and landscaping. Concept. (Postponed to October 2003)

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS continued, 18 September 2003

4. [CFA 18/SEP/03-7](#), Frances C. Perkins Building, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW. Northeast Fountain. Stabilization, moth-balling of fountain for future restoration and new paving. Revised design. (Previous: CFA 17/JUL/03- 13).

- E. United States Peace Corps

[CFA 18/SEP/03-8](#), Peace Corps logo. Design.

- F. Department of Defense / Department of the Navy

CFA 18/SEP/03-9, Washington Navy Yard, 11th and O Streets, SE. Security improvements to the O Street Gate and renovation of Building #126 for a visitor processing facility. Designs. (Postponed to October 2003)

- G. Union Station Redevelopment Corporation

CFA 18/SEP/03-10, Union Station Parking Garage, H Street, between 1st and 2nd streets, NE. Garage expansion. Concept. (Postponed to November 2003)

- H. District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department

CFA 18/SEP/03-11, Metropolitan Police Department Multi-function Facility, 2175 West Virginia Avenue, NE. New building. Final-revised design. (Previous: CFA 19/JUN/03- 13). (Postponed to October 2003)

- I. District of Columbia Department of Transportation

CFA 18/SEP/03-12, Georgetown Historic District, Way-finding sign program. Concept. (Postponed to October 2003)

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS continued, 18 September 2003

J. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Shipstead-Luce Act

- a. S.L. 03-138, 2025 F Street, NW, (Square 103), George Washington University. New 103-unit residence hall (dormitory). Concept. (Previous: S.L. 03-116, CFA 17 July 03). (Postponed to October 2003)
- b. Appendix I. (Postponed to October 2003)

2. Old Georgetown Act

- a. O.G. 03-270, 1703 32nd Street, NW, Dumbarton Oaks. New library building. Final. (Previous: O.G. 02-324, Last seen CFA 19 Sept. 2002). (Postponed to November 2003)
- b. O.G. 03-284, 2720 O Street, NW. New single family residence. Concept. (Previous: O.G. 03-111).
- c. Appendix II. (Postponed to October 2003)

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26 September 2003

Dear Mr. Metzler:

On 17 September, the Commission approved the proposal for a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter. Although the bronze plaque on the memorial recreates the crew photograph, we recommend the removal of the mission logo from the casting because it detracts from the faces of the astronauts. Also, the helmets should be rendered with additional detailing rather than a highly-polished finish. This will help to minimize their prominence. These changes will emphasize the crew, individually and collectively, creating a respectful memorial.

If you have future questions, the staff is available to assist you.

Sincerely,



David M. Childs, FAIA
Chairman

John Metzler, Jr.
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Dear Ms. Donlon:

During its site inspection on the night of 17 September 2003, the Commission approved the final exterior lighting scheme for the Kennedy Center. The members found the whiter color of the light on the walls to be more uniform and much improved over the illumination provided by the original (and difficult to maintain) fixtures set in the floor of the terraces. The highlighting on the columns was also thought to be well balanced against the light on the walls. In addition, the members found the scheme for the "after-hours" illumination, with only the columns lit, to be particularly pleasing and appropriate for when the house is dark.

With the Commission's public meeting on the 18th canceled due to the anticipated arrival of Hurricane Isabel, the members were not able to report on and confirm their approval of the lighting scheme. However, so as not to delay the project, the Commission encourages the Center to proceed with the installation of the new lights. We will formally confirm the approval during our next public meeting in October.

Sincerely,



David M. Childs, FAIA
Chairman

Ms. Claudette Donlon
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25 September 2003

Dear Mr. McGill:

With the Commission's public meeting on the 18 September canceled due to the anticipated arrival of Hurricane Isabel, the members were not able to review the submission for the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. However, with the delegated authority of the Commission, the staff has reviewed the proposal for the modernization and renovation of the building and for the security modifications, as shown in the drawings received and dated 3 September 2003, has no objection to the project, and has determined that this submission will not need additional review by the Commission. If there are subsequent changes to the project, they should be presented to the Commission for review.

We commend you and your staff on a well-developed project. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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Dear Mr. McGill:

With the Commission's public meeting on the 18 September canceled due to the anticipated arrival of Hurricane Isabel, the members were not able to review the submission for the stabilization and moth-balling of the fountain on the eastern terrace of the Frances C. Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW. However, with the delegated authority of the Commission, the staff has reviewed the proposal which will stabilize the fountain and restore the terrace's landscape as shown in the drawings received and dated 3 September 2003, has no objection to the project, and has determined that this submission will not need additional review by the Commission. If there are subsequent changes to the project, they should be presented to the Commission for review.

We commend you and your staff on developing a project that will preserve this notable fountain for future restoration when, in the coming years, the Perkins Building is rehabilitated. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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3 October 2003

Dear Mr. Posey:

With the Commission's public meeting on 18 September canceled due to the anticipated arrival of Hurricane Isabel, the members were not able to review the submission for the Peace Corps logo. However, the design was sent to them afterwards, and I am happy to tell you that a majority approved it.

Sincerely,



David M. Childs, FAIA
Chairman

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