
Dwight D. Eisenhower MEMORIAL COMMISSION

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EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION REQUESTS DELAY IN NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW TO ACCOMMODATE REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Washington, D.C. March 14, 2012:

The Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) announces today that it has asked the National Park Service (NPS) to withdraw the Commission's request to appear before the National Capital Planning Commission on April 5, 2012.

The Eisenhower Memorial Commission looks forward to the opportunity to fully present the Commission's current preferred design concept at the hearing before a Congressional Subcommittee in the near future, and believes that this presentation will demonstrate that the plans for the national Presidential memorial are faithful to the legacy and contributions of Dwight D. Eisenhower as World War II Supreme Allied Commander and as President.

The Commission's Executive Director, Brig. Gen. Carl Reddel, USAF (Ret.) stated that the Commission will work with its sponsor, the National Park Service, to determine at which future meetings the design will be presented to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.

The request for a delay will also enable the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, established by Congress in 1999, to inform and fully brief other interested parties – including other Members of Congress and the Eisenhower family about all aspects of the Commission's preferred design concept.



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"We fully trust the federal design review process currently in place. It has been applied to many of the memorials that have been designed and erected in Washington in recent years – and we firmly believe that this process will provide all parties an opportunity to review the Commission's preferred design" said Gen. Reddel.

ABOUT THE EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

The bi-partisan Commission was created by Congress in 1999. The 12-member Commission includes four Members of the United States Senate and four members of the U.S. House of Representatives. World-renowned architect Frank Gehry was selected to design the memorial through a federal competition process managed by the General Services Administration's Design Excellence Program in 2009 and the Commission chose a preferred design concept for the memorial in 2010.

Commission Chairman Rocco Siciliano also served as Chairman of the Center for Governmental Studies, and as Chairman of the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute. Mr. Siciliano was Special Assistant to President Eisenhower for Personnel Management in the White House after serving four years as Assistant Secretary of Labor. In addition, he served as Under Secretary of the Department of Commerce from February 1969 to April, 1971.

Brig. Gen. Carl Reddel (USAF, Ret.) has served as Executive Director of the Commission since 2001. General Reddel also served as the President and CEO of the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute, and Head of the Department of History at the United States Air Force Academy.

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