

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 880.6(a)

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has determined that the undertaking to widen the main entry gate will have an effect upon Fort Howard Medical Center, a property determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.470f); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA and the Maryland SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

Stipulations

The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Dismantling the existing east pedestal of the main gate will be accomplished in the most sensitive manner so that the existing stones will not be damaged. Once the partial demolition of the wall has occurred, the granite pedestal will be rebuilt with the existing stone to match its original configuration.

2. Repointed and new mortar joints must match the color, texture, strength, joint width and joint profile of the existing historic masonry.

3. The stone coping along the wall will remain as the existing granite. The wall will not be capped with mortar or marble as the construction documents indicate.

4. The specification for cleaning the masonry will be omitted from the contract bid. If cleaning is proposed at a later date, the method and specifications will be submitted and approved by the Maryland SHPO.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the VA and the Maryland SHPO, its subsequent acceptance by the Council, and implementation of its terms, evidence that the VA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the widening of the main entry gates at Fort Howard Medical Center and its effects on historic properties, and that the VA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

Department of Veterans Affairs

BY: Bruce Pleaschi Date: 11/16/90
Director, Office of Planning and Development

Fort Howard Medical Center

BY: [Signature] Date: 10/11/90
Director

State Historic Preservation Officer

BY: [Signature] Date: OCT 26 1990
KENNETH H. MIZRACH
DIRECTOR

ACCEPTED for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

BY: [Signature] Date: 12/31/90