

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220

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December 2, 2012

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed obverse and reverse designs for the Code Talkers Congressional Gold Medal for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

The Committee recommended Obverse-02. The design garnered 19 of the possible 30 scoring points. Subsequent to the scoring process, the Committee approved a motion affirming its recommendation of Obverse-02 on a vote of seven (7) ayes and one (1) abstention. For the reverse of the medal, the Committee recommended Reverse-01 on a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) abstentions.

Sincerely,

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Gary B. Marks
Chair

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Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed designs for the reverse of the 2013 American Eagle Platinum Coin. The theme for this coin is “To Promote the General Welfare” and is the fifth in a six year series of themes for American Eagle Platinum coins commemorating the core concepts of American ideals highlighted in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

The Committee strongly recommended design AEP-03 showing “Young America” symbolized in the form of an elegant young woman contrasted against images of interlocking gears emblematic of the unique workings of the state and federal governments of the United States in promoting the general welfare of the nation. The design garnered 28 of the 30 possible points through the Committee’s scoring process. Members commented on the well balanced composition of the design, the successful balance of image and negative space and that it would create a beautiful and fitting image for the reverse of the coin.

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A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed reverse designs for the 2014 America the Beautiful Quarters Program honoring Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, Arches National Park in Utah, Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado and Everglades National Park in Florida.

For the quarter dollar reverse design honoring Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, the Committee was unable to provide a recommendation as none of the proposed designs received the Committee's 50 percent scoring threshold through the standard scoring process. Generally, the Committee found that the designs would not produce well on a small quarter dollar sized coin as they were too cluttered and lacked sufficient negative space. Design TN-01 received the most support with 13 of 30 possible points, although it failed to gain the Committee's recommendation. The Committee approved a motion recommending the U.S. Mint provide new designs for consideration with a specific request that artists strive for more balance between images and negative space and less fine detail as suitable for a quarter dollar sized coin.

For the quarter dollar honoring Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, the Committee recommended design VA-05. The design garnered 17 of the 30 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. The Committee approved a motion recommending that the U.S. Mint remove the top three rows of mountains appearing on the design as they tend to obscure the focal point of the design; the top of Little Stony Man Mountain. Additionally, the motion recommended that the tree and foliage near the image of the hiker be removed to provide a stronger emphasis on the hiker.

Design UT-02 was strongly recommended by the Committee for the quarter dollar honoring Arches National Park in Utah. The design garnered 28 of 30 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. Members commented that the design's portrayal of Delicate Arch was an iconic image for Arches National Park and that the design was well executed.

For the quarter dollar honoring Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado, the design receiving the highest point total was CO-03 with 9 of 30 possible points. However, the design was not recommended as its point total was well below the 50 percent scoring threshold required to be recommended. Generally, the Committee found that the designs provided would not produce well on a small quarter dollar sized coin as they were too cluttered and lacked sufficient negative space. By motion, the Committee recommended the U.S. Mint provide new designs for consideration with a specific request that artists strive for more balance between images and negative space and provide less fine detail as suitable for a quarter dollar sized coin.

Finally, the Committee recommended design FL-04 for the quarter dollar honoring Everglades National Park in Florida. The design features an anhinga with outstretched wings and garnered 20 of 30 points through the scoring process. The Committee modified its selection of this design with approval of a motion recommending elimination of the clouds appearing in the upper portion of the image, elimination of the foliage appearing on the upper-most horizon and to generally strive to approve the contrast between the anhinga and the negative space surrounding it.

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