

Report of the Executive Director

NOTE:
Commission meetings
now begin at 1:00 PM.



ATF Headquarters (1)



USDA (2)



DC Engine House #14 (6)



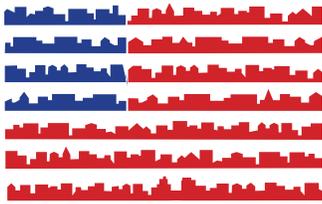
Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater
Treatment Plant (7)

DELEGATED ACTIONS

During the past month, the Executive Director approved ten projects under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Preliminary and final site plans for the 2nd and N Streets, NE streetscape improvements and plaza adjacent to the ATF Headquarters site. (7394)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for various stream restoration, wetland creation, and reforestation projects located at the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. (7396)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Helicopter Display at the District of Columbia Army National Guard. (7397)
4. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the proposed new pre-fabricated building to be located at Naval Support Facility Carderock. (7400)
5. Preliminary and final site and building plans for renovations and repairs to the Privatized Army Lodging Facility (Buildings 47, 48, and 50) at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. (7401)
6. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the modernization and expansion of District of Columbia Engine House #14. (7402)
7. Preliminary and final site and building plans for construction of a main process train at the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. (7407)
8. Found that the modifications to the Fort Lincoln/Gateway Village Planned Unit Development are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 06-08C)
9. Found that the modifications to the Sheridan Terrace Planned Unit Development are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 07-35C)
10. Found that the proposed map amendment to rezone Square 3846 from C-M-2 to C-2-C would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 10-30)

COMPREHENSIVE • PLAN



FEDERAL ELEMENTS



PLANNING UPDATES

Comprehensive Plan

Staff continues to revise the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements. They are incorporating public comments received during the 60-day comment period for the Environmental Element and will present the final draft to the Commission at the October meeting. The draft Urban Design Element will be presented to the Commission in November. Staff is also drafting the Workplace and Visitor Elements for presentation to the Commission in December. The full Comprehensive Plan update is expected to be completed by spring 2013.

Urban Design Element Task Force

The Urban Design Task Force held its fifth meeting on August 29. The meeting focused on draft policies related to the federal interest and the important character qualities of the capital city.

Southwest Ecodistrict

Following the release of the *SW Ecodistrict Draft Plan* for comments, a public meeting was held on July 19. More than 70 people provided their ideas on the plan's recommendations. The draft plan is posted on NCPC's website at www.ncpc.gov/swecodistrict in an interactive format, encouraging the public to provide comments overall or on specific pages through September 10. Additionally, staff briefed Congresswoman Norton, representatives of the Office of Management and Budget, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the General Services Administration on the draft plan.

Congressional Hearing on the Height Act

On July 19, Executive Director Marcel Acosta presented testimony before the Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives on "Changes to the Height Act: Shaping Washington DC for the Future." He briefed the members on federal interest concerns related to any proposed changes to the Height Act. Testimony is available online at <http://www.ncpc.gov/enews/view/167/171>.



Union Station/L'Enfant Plaza Station

Staff participated in an open-house August 15, hosted by Amtrak, the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, and Akridge Development on the Union Station Master Plan. This event gave the public an opportunity to learn more about the Union Station Master Plan and how it will affect surrounding communities. The plan will help guide the expanded transportation capacity needed to accommodate future growth for all Union Station users, including intercity rail, commuter rail, high-speed rail, and bus, as well as local residents. NCPC staff continues scoping specific tasks for smaller stakeholder working groups for future coordination efforts.



Memorial Mapping

Staff is finalizing a new inventory of 80 memorials and other public artworks on lands under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, the Smithsonian, embassies, and the Department of Defense in the District and the region. Available in October, it will augment an existing inventory of memorials on National Park Service lands in the District of Columbia available on NCPC's web site.



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Last month, one of Washington's most memorable memorials returned to the National Mall on the 25th anniversary of its original display. The AIDS Quilt is an important reminder that there are non-traditional approaches to remembrance. On July 26, Lucy Kempf moderated a discussion with Julie Rhoad of the NAMES Project, Anne Balsamo of Quilt 2012: The Digital Experience, and Steve Kidd of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival to better understand the impact of the AIDS Quilt. This fascinating, 30 minute discussion can be seen via NCPC's on-line video page, along with a short five minute overview video of the Quilt's display.

On August 8 urban planner Amy Tarce presented an agency overview to an eight-person delegation of deans and professors from the Capital University of Economy and Business in Beijing, China. The group was interested in obtaining a DC/federal perspective on planning and NCPC's role, and learning about stormwater management in the Federal Triangle.

On Monday, September 17 NCPC will host a lunchtime live chat with Commission member and DC Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells. The chat will cover issues ranging from efforts to build a more livable, walkable city, to parks and open space. Tune it to the 12:30 pm chat at www.ncpc.gov.



Live Chat
with NCPC Commissioner
Tommy Wells

12:30 PM September 17