



Playground at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (1)



National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (2)



Square 3594 (4)

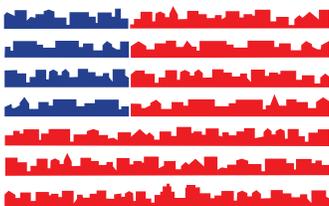
Report of the Executive Director

During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority.

1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a playground adjacent to the Creative Minds International Public Charter School at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, 3700 North Capitol Street, NW. (7769)
2. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for a Working Animal Support Building at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Fort Belvoir North Area, Fairfax County, Virginia. (7737)
3. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the closing of a public alley and the establishment of an easement in Square 3843, Evarts and Reed Streets, NE, Washington, DC. (7764)
4. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a partial alley closing in Square 3594, bound by New York Avenue, NE (to the north) and the intersection of 4th and Penn Streets, NE (to the south and west). (7770)
5. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a modification to a Planned Unit Development at Square 3126, Lot 800, Parcel 4 (Jair Lynch Development Partners), Bound by Michigan Avenue, NW, Channing Street, NW, First Street, NW, and North Capitol Street. (ZC 13-14B)

PLANNING UPDATES

The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital



Comprehensive Plan

The updated *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital's* Federal Elements, adopted by the Commission in February, became effective April 5, 2016. All elements were updated except for the Parks & Open Space Element, The 2004 element remains in effect until it is updated after the completion of the Small Parks Management Study by NCPC and the National Park Service.



Memorials for the Future Design Competition

The National Park Service and NCPC continue working on the Memorials for the Future Design Competition. The competition will look at ways to revise the way we think about and experience memorials. NCPC, NPS, and the Van Alen Institute, the competition organizer, are engaged in discussions concerning overall competition goals and objectives, schedule, design content, and guiding principles for participants, and jury evaluation. The competition announcement for participants is scheduled for release in April. Finalists will be announced in June and an exhibition is planned for September 2016 to announce the winner.

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

NCPC, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Executive Committee, is working with Sasaki Associates and HR&A Economic Advisors to develop a decision-making toolkit of potential urban development scenarios and near- and long-term strategies to help agencies frame a future update to the *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan*. The group recently completed a market study and is currently developing an urban design analysis and exploring potential urban development scenarios for the avenue's future role in the nation's capital. An update on the initiative is tentatively scheduled for the July 2016 Commission meeting.



FBI Headquarters Consolidation and Exchange

As presented to the Commission last month, the General Service Administration (GSA) is in the process of selecting an "exchange partner" to construct a consolidated headquarters facility for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on one of three sites—Greenbelt or Landover, Maryland or Springfield, Virginia. Upon completion and acceptance of the new FBI headquarters facility by GSA, the exchange partner will receive fee simple title to the J. Edgar Hoover Building and land located on Squares 378 and 379, bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, 9th, 10th, and E Streets, NW.

Squares 378 and 379 are located within the *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan* boundary. The plan guides land use and design for development within the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor between the White House and the U.S. Capitol. In December 2015, NCPC transmitted a proposed plan amendment to the GSA that will allow for the future private reuse or redevelopment of the site. On January 12, GSA submitted the proposed plan amendment to Congress for a 60-day review period which concluded in mid-March with no comments from Congress.

NCPC is now initiating the development of Square Guidelines for the site which are defined in the Federal Code §910.5 as "detailed urban planning and design requirements and recommendations." NCPC will host two public meetings in April (on **Tuesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, April 28 at 9:30 am, same presentation at both**) to launch this next phase of planning for the site. The meetings will provide an overview of the *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan* and the process for developing Square Guidelines. NCPC will also present the Square Guideline development schedule and seek public input on subject matter to include in the guidelines.





Capital Crescent Trail

Staff Review and Comment on Local National Capital Region Plans

Staff reviewed the FY17 Loudoun County Capital Improvement Program, the Montgomery County Executive's Recommended Capital Budget FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program, and provided initial comments on the District Department of Transportation's State Rail Plan. The Loudoun County CIP features projects that improve regional mobility to include Metro station area pedestrian improvements and the Leesburg Park-and-Ride.

Montgomery County's CIP includes several projects that support integrated regional transit such as the Rapid Transit System, Purple Line, Bethesda Metro Station South Entrance, Capital Crescent Trail, Metropolitan Branch Trail, Silver Spring Green Trail, and the MD 355 Crossing (BRAC), which provides for a multi-modal grade-separated connection between the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Medical Center Metro station. It also features several environmental preservation and restoration projects that support connectivity and access policies in the Comprehensive Plan. Examples include agricultural land preservation easements, watershed restoration, and miscellaneous stream valley improvements.



Walter Reed Medical Center

The District Department of Transportation's State Rail Plan addresses topics including the vision, goals, objectives, policies, and strategies that can help guide passenger and freight rail services in the District of Columbia into the future; the role of freight and passenger rail in the District's multimodal transportation network; how the District's rail network is used; how this usage will change in the future; and specific investments that would benefit future passenger and freight rail.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE



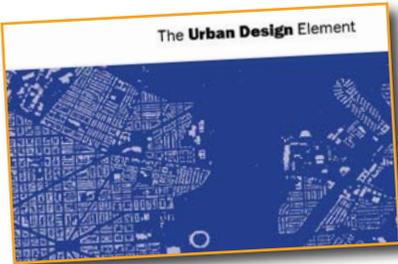
NCPC Hosts National Capital Authority Chief Executive

Malcolm Snow, Chief Executive of Canberra's National Capital Authority, was in Washington the week of March 28. He met with NCPC staff and Commissioners, as well as representatives of several federal and District agencies. On March 30 he participated in "A Capital City Conversation: Canberra" where he discussed Canberra's continuing evolution as a planned capital and highlighted several of the NCA's current initiatives. He then spoke with the NCPC Executive Director about the unique challenges and opportunities of planning in a capital city.

Executive Director and Commissioner White Participate on APA Panel



On April 2 the Executive Director, along with National Capital Authority Chief Executive **Malcolm Snow** (Canberra) and **Mark Kristmanson**, Chief Executive Officer of the National Capital Commission (Ottawa), participated in "Identity and Representation in Capital Cities," a panel discussion held at the American Planning Association conference in Phoenix, Arizona. NCPC Commissioner **Beth White** moderated the session that used capital cities as a jumping off point to discuss how to plan for identity, representation, and symbolism in cities. The panelists talked about the similarities and differences in how their organizations create and carry out plans that bridge national identity and the local community. Senior Urban Planner **Jason Beske** will co-lead an all-day session on "Urban Design for an Urban Century."



NCPC Wins Planning Award

NCPC won a Federal Planning Division Honor Award for its Federal Urban Design Element and Technical Addendum. The Executive Director received the award on March 31 at the awards luncheon held during the American Planning Association conference in Phoenix, Arizona.



NCPC Hosts London Planner

On April 27 at 6:00 pm NCPC will host **Patricia Brown**. Ms. Brown, runs Central, a niche consultancy advising business and civic leaders on partnerships, developments and projects to create thriving places, economies and business. She is the former CEO of Central London Partnership. Based on her experiences she discussed a range of topics including how Business Improvement Districts can increase urban quality, and how partnerships, developments, and projects can create thriving places, economies, and business.

University of South Florida Architecture Students

On March 7 NCPC hosted a group of University of Florida Architecture Students on behalf of **JoAnne Fiebe**, LEED BD+C, Fairfax Office of Community Revitalization. Research and Public Policy Division Director **Mike Sherman** and Senior Urban Planner **Mathew Flis** talked about the enduring influence of the L'Enfant Plan.

