

## Report of the Executive Director



DC Clean Rivers Kansas Avenue  
Parks Project (1)



Washington Channel within East  
Potomac Park (2)



During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority. Note: Unless otherwise indicated, projects are located in Washington, DC.

1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for the DC Clean Rivers Kansas Avenue Green Infrastructure Parks Project, Kansas Avenue, NW. (7864)
2. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a day dock along the Washington Channel within East Potomac Park. (7865)
3. Approved final site and building plans for building expansion of the United States Department of Homeland Security at St. Elizabeths West Campus, 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE. (7710)
4. Approved comments to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a partial closing of a Public Alley in Square 5624 located between R Street and Ridge Street, SE. (7863)
5. Approved comments to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding modifications to the First Stage Approval and Second Stage PUD for Block J at Square 5056-Parkside Residential, LLC, bound by Hayes Street to the northeast, Parkside Place to the northwest, Kenilworth Terrace to the southeast and Cassell Place to the southwest. (ZC 05-28P)

### PLANNING UPDATES

#### Parking Study Moves Forward

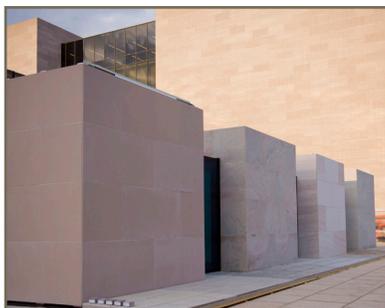
Work continues on the parking study being developed by NCPC staff in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center. The Volpe Center, in conjunction with NCPC staff, developed a draft literature review, started an existing parking standard comparison, and began work with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to develop a draft modeling approach to assess existing parking ratios in the context of current and projected (20-year time horizon) mode share. The study, which will serve as the basis of a possible update to the parking ratio in the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element, is anticipated to be finished in June 2016.

#### Amending the Comprehensive Plan's District Elements

Over the past month, NCPC and DC Office of Planning staff met with a variety of federal stakeholders to help inform new policy for the second amendment cycle to the Comprehensive Plan's District Elements. On March 24, 2017 the DC Office of Planning launched an open call period that runs through May 26, 2017 which will give stakeholders an opportunity to formally propose Comprehensive Plan amendments. In fall 2017, the DC Office of Planning will release a draft amendment report and invite additional public comment before the final amended Comprehensive Plan is sent to DC Council as legislation. NCPC's official review period of the Comprehensive Plan District Elements is anticipated to occur in late spring 2018.



## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE



### Air and Space Museum Exterior Cladding Alternatives EA and Public Meetings

NCPC, in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution, prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts of alternatives for the revitalization of the National Air and Space Museum in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA analyzes the potential environmental impacts of three action alternatives and a no action alternative. The project includes replacement of the existing Tennessee Pink Marble stone on the National Air and Space Museum's façade, as well as changes to the entrance vestibules and renovations to the terraces surrounding the museum. The Smithsonian and NCPC are also conducting consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The EA is available for review and comment online on NCPC's website through Monday, May 1, 2017. Two meetings will provide opportunities to review mockups of the exterior cladding. The first will take place on April 6 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the museum's north entrance on Jefferson Drive, SW. The second, preceded by a joint NEPA/Section 106 meeting in the Capital Gallery West Building's West Gallery, will be held on Friday, April 7 at 10:00 am.



### Panel to Examine Modernist Urban Landscapes

On Monday, May 15 a panel will consider how 20th century modernist urban landscapes from **Dan Kiley**, **Lawrence Halprin**, **M. Paul Friedberg**, and others can, or should, respond to contemporary expectations for public space. **Elizabeth Meyer**, University of Virginia, and **Gary Hilderbrand**, Reed Hilderbrand, will discuss ideas for how to sensitively honor and adapt these landscapes in a conversation moderated by **Brad McKee**, Landscape Architecture Magazine. *Modernist Landscapes (re)Considered* is co-sponsored by the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Building Museum, the program's host. The program begins at 6:30 pm.



### FBI Square Guidelines Presented to Lambda Alpha

Physical Planning Director **Elizabeth Miller** presented the Commission's adopted square guidelines for the potential future redevelopment of the J. Edgar Hoover Building and Site to Lambda Alpha on March 17. Lambda Alpha is an organization of real estate and urban development professionals that convene to discuss important issues affecting regional and local development, economic policy, planning, and design.

### NCPC Hosts German Students Studying the Height Act

On March 21 NCPC hosted four students from the University of Bayreuth in Germany who are conducting research in Washington, DC as part of a field course in geography. The students, part of a larger group, are focused on the Height Act. Urban Planner **Angela Dupont** provided an overview of the Height Act and the Height Master Plan which examined possible changes to it after Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl** provided an agency overview. **Bill Brown** of the The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. (shown with students) coordinated the visit.

