Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following action under the Commission’s delegation authority. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final building plans for replacement of storefronts and doors at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW. (8057)

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following projects are exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for a Bikeshare station at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Maryland. (8059)

2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for an antenna installation at the Naval Support Activity, Bethesda Building 10, 8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8055)

3. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment for Lots 77 and 819 in Square 6129-3840 S Capitol LLC and 3848 S Capitol LLC, 3836-3848 South Capitol Street, SE. (ZC 18-14)

Planning Updates

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Transportation and Workplace Elements

NCPC staff continues its policy development for the Comprehensive Plan’s Transportation and Workplace Elements. On February 26, 2019 they met with General Services Administration representatives Rodney Moulden and Mark Poling to discuss the element updates. It is anticipated that these elements will be submitted to the Commission in the third quarter of FY 2019.

Monumental Core Lighting Policy and Framework

The Monumental Core Streetscape Project is a collaboration between NCPC and the National Mall Interagency Working Group to update the streetscape manual that guides agencies when designing and constructing roadway and streetscape improvements around the National Mall. At its April meeting the Commission will hear an information presentation on the lighting framework that provides general principles for lighting in the monumental core. For a brief overview of the Streetscape Guide’s history and current plans to update it, see Urban Planner Meghan Spigle Dowker’s blog found at https://www.ncpc.gov/news/.

Federal Capital Improvement Program

Policy & Research Division Director Michael Sherman and Urban Planner Angela Dupont met with Lloyd Fulk and Larry Travis from the Smithsonian’s Office of Planning, Design and Construction to discuss the fundamentals of the Federal Capital Improvement Program (FCIP). Topics discussed were the FCIP’s goals and objectives, overall process, as well as the FCIP schedule and deliverables for submitting Smithsonian projects to NCPC. The FCIP will be brought to the Commission in July.
Review of Capital Improvement Plans in the NCR

Staff is currently conducting a federal interest review of several regional Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs).

- District of Columbia’s FY 2020-2025 CIP (Including the Highway Trust Fund)
- County Manager’s Proposed FY 2020 Budget to Arlington County’s Adopted FY 2019–2028 CIP
- City of Alexandria City Manager’s FY 2020-2029 Proposed CIP
- Fairfax County’s Fiscal Years 2020–2024 Advertised CIP (with Future Fiscal Years to 2029)
- Loudoun County’s FY 2020 Proposed Budget, including the FY 2019–2024 Amended CIP
- Prince William County’s Proposed FY 2020 Budget, including the Proposed FY 2020-2025 CIP
- Montgomery County Recommended FY20 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019–2024 CIP

Interagency Security Council

Policy & Research Division Director Michael Sherman participated in the Interagency Security Council's (ISC) 2nd FY19 Quarterly Meeting held on March 13, 2019. The meeting featured internationally renowned speaker and author Scott Klososky, who is at the forefront of technology and the security industry. He discussed his pioneering integrated security model, which is an industry-leading method of bringing all facets of organizational security together, including physical security, cybersecurity, surveillance, the human firewall, and governance. Michael Sherman and Office of Administration Director Debra Dickson participated in the ISC meeting held on March 20, 2019 which featured Brian Harrell, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security for an Executive Briefing on ISC Compliance Reporting.

Public Outreach

Executive Director Talks with New Counterpart in Ottawa

The executive director recently had a telephone call with Tobi Nussbaum, the new chief executive officer of the National Capital Commission, NCPC’s sister organization in Ottawa, Canada. The two talked about previous collaboration between the agencies and how the organizations can continue to work together in the future.

NCPC Hosts Ottawa Planner

On March 20 Urban Design & Plan Review Division Director Diane Sullivan, Office of Public Engagement Director Julia Koster, and Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Staudigl met with Antonio Gomez-Palacio, Principal with Dialog Design. He is working with Public Services and Procurement Canada on the renewal of the Long-Term Vision Plan for Ottawa’s Parliamentary Precinct. They discussed the preliminary stages of that project, NCPC efforts in Washington, as well as ideas for future meetings and information sharing.

Construction Watch Blog: Washington Monument Visitor Screening Facility

NCPC’s most recent construction watch blog, written Urban Planner Carlton Hart, looks at the agency’s review of the visitor screening facility at the Washington Monument. The new 785-square foot building replaces a temporary facility and will assist U.S. Park Police screen the more than 600,000 annual visitors to the Washington Monument. It will open sometime this summer, allowing people to once again travel to the top of the memorial. All blogs are available at: https://ww.ncpc.gov/news/.