



Suitland Federal Center Tower (1.)



Squares 567 and 569 (4.)

Report of the Executive Director

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

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Suitland Federal Center Self-Supporting Tower Antenna Project, 4400 Suitland Road, Suitland, Maryland. (8444)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the GSA Central Office Building Antenna Facility Modification, 1800 F Street, NW. (8445)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the Trowbridge House Alterations. (8446)
4. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Text Amendment to Subtitle I - Increase Building Height in Squares 567 and 569600 New Jersey Avenue, NW. (ZC 22-27)

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 and building plans for the National Zoological Park Bus Lot Storm Drainage Improvements, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8443)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 4465, Lots 36 and 39, 2229 M Street, NW. (ZC 22-21)

Planning Updates

Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

In March, the Commission accepted the Final Vertical and Surface Elements Streetscape Design Guidelines. The Commission commended the collaborative work of the Interagency Working Group and encouraged agencies to begin using the guidelines for project planning, design, construction, and review. In April, staff will present the draft guidelines for Small-Scale Streetscape Elements and request release for a 60-day public comment period. Public meetings are scheduled for May 9 and 17. Staff will also provide an information presentation to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts on April 20.



Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Wins Momentum Award

On March 29, The Downtown DC Business Improvement District (BID) awarded the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative their 2022 *District Public Sector Project of the Year*; honoring the Initiative's work for community outreach and engagement. The BID's annual Momentum Awards recognize outstanding individual and organizational achievements and contributions made to downtown. Chair **Teri Goodman**, the Executive Director, Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller**, and Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold** and **Jeff Jamawat** represented NCPC at the awards ceremony.



GSA Workplace Innovation Lab

On March 7, staff toured the U.S. General Services Administration Workplace Innovation Lab at 1800 F Street, NW to learn more about the hybrid federal workplace to inform NCPC's Workplace Scenario Planning project. The lab showcases innovations in office design, furniture, and technology to meet the needs of today's hybrid federal workers.





Beyond Granite

On March 23, 2023, the Beyond Granite team met to discuss the upcoming pilot exhibition titled *Pulling Together*, comprised of temporary art works displayed on the National Mall planned from mid-August to mid-September this year. The following day, the Curatorial Advisory Board, experts advising the pilot program, met with the team to discuss the installations (what and where) and how they support an overall exhibition, including potential programming and educational opportunities. The exhibit and installations are curated by Monument Lab; the artists are finalizing designs and will begin fabrication in April.



Georgetown Access Study

On March 3, the Executive Director and NCPC staff met with Directors of the District Department of Transportation, the Federal City Council (FCC) and the Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID) to discuss next steps in the Georgetown Access Study. The FCC and the Georgetown BID will continue to evaluate public transportation options for improving access to Georgetown from the Dupont Circle, Rosslyn, and Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro stations. The additional study will continue into FY23/24. Possible options include several dedicated bus lanes and a gondola between Rosslyn and Georgetown.



NCPC Updated on North Capitol Crossroads Process

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, staff from the DC Office of Planning, Neighborhood Planning Division presented their progress on the ongoing North Capitol Crossroads revisioning process to NCPC staff. The North Capitol Crossroads area includes the District's only highway cloverleaf interchange as well as large footprint campuses like the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH), Catholic University, and Washington Hospital Center. NCPC staff coordinated with staff from DCOP on the recently approved AFRH master plan and the 2021 *North Capitol Cloverleaf Urbanization Study* that helped envision how the cloverleaf at North Capitol and Irving Streets could be redesigned to create more interconnected and people friendly corridors between the rich fabric of adjacent neighborhoods.

Public Engagement



American Planning Association Conference

NCPC staff, and Commissioners **Elizabeth Hewlett** and **Bryan Green** attended the national American Planning Association Conference in Philadelphia from April 1-3. Urban Planner **Jeff Jamawat** presented *Public Space Boosters: Unmasking Lessons Learned Since 2020*. As a digital component of the conference, on April 26 Urban Design & Plan Review Director **Diane Sullivan** will moderate a panel on 5G titled, *Small Cells/Big Plans: Understanding Digital Infrastructure*. Panelists will include General Services Administration Planning Branch Chief **Eliza Voigt**, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Senior Urban Planner **Carlton Hart**, and District Department of Transportation Associate Director **Elliott M. Garrett**.



Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Meeting

On March 18, the Executive Director and Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster**, Urban Design & Plan Review Director **Diane Sullivan**, and Regional Public Building Commissioner **Melanie Gilbert** met with **Clark Mercer**, the new head of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to discuss a variety of shared interests, including an in-progress post-Covid workplace study. He also met with GSA Public Buildings Service Commissioner **Nina Albert** on March 16 and with District Department of Transportation Director **Everett Lott**.



NCPC and NCC Staff Tour the Wharf

On March 15, Urban Design & Plan Review Division Director **Diane Sullivan**, Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl**, and National Capital Commission (Ottawa, Canada) Building LeBreton Director **Katie Paris** met with Wharf Community Association Director of Technology & Community Engagement **Patrick Revord**, Southwest Business Improvement District Executive Director **Steve Moore** and Managing Director **Lexie Albe** to learn about The Wharf project. Following a discussion over the development model they went on a walking tour with a focus on The Wharf's Phase II development.



South Korean Delegation Visits NCPC

On March 8, NCPC hosted a 14-person delegation from the Republic of Korea led by National Agency for Administrative City Construction (NAACC) Administrator **Sang Rae Lee**. After the executive director welcomed Administrator Lee and the delegation, NAACC Deputy Director **Chae-Wook Lim** presented about Sejong City, a new administrative city in South Korea NAACC is developing 75 miles south of Seoul. Then Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster**, Policy & Research Division Director **Michael Sherman**, Urban Design & Plan Review Division Director **Diane Sullivan**, and Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** presented on NCPC and components of its planning work in Washington. A lively discussion was ended only by the need of the group to depart for another meeting.



Public Space Security Tour for Canadian Representatives

On February 24, staff met with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) Deputy Minister/Deputy Receiver General for Canada **Paul Thompson** and Embassy of Canada Director General (Minister) Washington Sector **Paula Folkes-Dallaire** at the Embassy of Canada. Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold** provided an overview of the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative. Urban Planners **Melissa Lindsjo** and **Brittney Drakeford** discussed the agency's work related to public space security. Following the conversation, the group took a brief walking tour of the Avenue. NCPC's efforts were of interest as PSPC develops plans for Ottawa's Parliamentary Precinct campus and Wellington Street.

Personnel

NCPC Welcomes New Community Planner



Laura Shipman

Laura Shipman joined the Urban Design & Plan Review Division as a community planner. Laura has a background in urban design and community planning. She recently returning to the National Capital Region from her role as director of community development and planning for One Treasure Island, a nonprofit organization in San Francisco. She previously served as a planner coordinator and urban designer for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Planning Department.