



VA Medical Center Oncology and Cancer Center (1.)



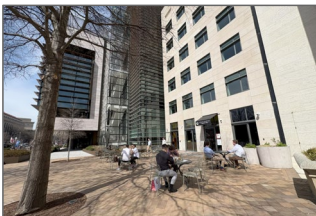
NIH Animal Center Building 102 (2.)



U.S. Air Force Memorial Ceremonial Storage (3.)



Wolf Trap Building Replacement (4.)



Good Company Donuts

# 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. Final building plans for the Washington DC VA Medical Center Oncology and Cancer Center Renovations and Addition Revision, 50 Irving Street, NW. (8038)
2. Final site and building plans for the National Institutes of Health Animal Center Building 102 Wings A and B Reconstruction, 16701 Elmer School Road, Dickerson, Maryland. (8586)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the U.S. Air Force Memorial Ceremonial Storage, 1 Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington, Virginia. (8610)
4. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Associates Building Replacement, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. (8642)
5. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Interim Stables, 208 McNair Road, Fort Myer, Virginia. (8645)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the New Pennsylvania Avenue East Neighborhood Mixed Use Zone Text and Map Amendments, 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. (ZC 24-10)

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 building plans for the Washington DC VA Medical Center Roof Replacement and Fall Protection, 50 Irving Street, NW. (8639)
2. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2068 - S.O. 25-01801, 3500 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8646)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Fletchers Field Park Stream Restoration and Floodplain Revision, 5200 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland. (8177)

## Planning Updates

### Pennsylvania Avenue Plan

One of the New Pennsylvania Avenue Plan's goals is to enhance street life along the corridor with retail and restaurant amenities. When NCPC reviewed plans for the Hopkins Bloomberg Center in 2020, the Commission recommended incorporating public access on the ground floor of the building located at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. That recommendation was realized when Good Company Donuts opened to the public earlier this year. The new café joins more restaurants opening on the Avenue later this year, including Café Fiorello at 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue and the renovated Occidental in the Willard Hotel at 1475 Pennsylvania Avenue. These new amenities allow users to enjoy America's iconic street and enliven the Avenue's overall street activities.



## Foreign Missions Review

The Foreign Missions Act (FMA) of 1982 reaffirms the federal government's jurisdiction over the operation of foreign missions and international organizations in the United States. Pursuant to the FMA, the District of Columbia Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment reviews foreign mission projects on private land such as embassies and chanceries. In March, the Executive Director reviewed and provided direction on two Chancery projects in Washington: an expansion of the Cuban Embassy and the relocation of the Polish Embassy. The Executive Director's review was conducted by using six criteria: facilitating foreign missions in the U.S., historic preservation, federal interest, municipal interest, adequacy of security, and parking.

## Public Outreach

### Federal Office Portfolio ULI Interview

On March 10, the Urban Land Institute interviewed the Executive Director and Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB) Executive Director **Paul Walden** for an article anticipated to be in the spring issue of Urban Land magazine. The article will focus on disposition of the federal office portfolio in the National Capital Region and NCPC and PBRB's recent James V. Forrestal Building Technical Assistance Panel.

### Local High School Students Learn about NCPC's Role and Mission

During the month of March, the Executive Director, Current Planning Division Director **Diane Sullivan**, Long Range Planning Division Director **Michael Sherman**, Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Project Director **Elizabeth Miller**, and Urban Planner **Brittney Drakeford** partnered with the DC Office of Planning to lead a series of interactive workshops with District of Columbia public high school students. Staff conducted workshops at H.D. Woodson High School and Jackson-Reed High School that introduced students to the history and development of Washington, DC to help them understand the city's urban planning principles, historic design, and evolving landscape. The initiative aimed to inspire the next generation of planners and community leaders by fostering a deeper understanding of their city.

During the week of March 17-21, Sojourner Truth Montessori Public Charter School students explored topics related to "re-envisioning" spaces in Washington, including a deep dive into the changes that occurred when the Capital One Arena was built. To assist with their research, on March 18 Urban Planner **Jamie Herr** discussed NCPC's role with, the history of, and future plans for, Capital One Arena. District Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Director of Downtown Innovation **Leah Riley** discussed the Chinatown Taskforce Vision Plan.

