



Chicken and Egg Temporary Art (2.)



New Douglass Community Center, (3.)

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 building plans for the USDA South Building T-Mobile Antenna Installation, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW. (8751)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Chicken and Egg Temporary Art, N Street, NE and New York Avenue, NE. (8755)
3. Preliminary site and building plans for the New Douglass Community Center, 1922 Frederick Douglass Court, SE. (8760)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Closing of a Portion of 35th Street, NW in Square 1177-1179 - S.O. 26-01008, 3500 Water Street, NW. (8758)
5. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Regulations Governing Alley Lots. (ZC 25-06)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Text Amendment to Update the RA-1 Zone. (ZC 25-08)

During the past month, the Chairman took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority. The project is in Washington, DC.

1. Transfer of Jurisdiction for Bridge 78 - S.O. 25-03850, 640 Anacostia Avenue NE. (8745)

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



Growing Tomorrow Exhibition Signage (1.)

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Growing Tomorrow Exhibition Signage Installation, National Mall. (8756)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Temporary Statue Installation, 1325 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8765)
3. Preliminary site and building plans for the Ketcham Elementary School Modernization, 1919 15th Street, SE. (8764)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Alley Closing in Square 5624 - S.O. 01418, 2405 Ridge Place, SE. (8761)
5. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 4268, 1801 New York Avenue, NE. (ZC 24-11)
6. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Riverdale Road Bridge Replacement, 5301 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland. (8759)



Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Design Alternatives Released

Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold** will present initial concept design alternatives for Commission feedback at the April 2 meeting. Representatives from NCPC and the design consultant team, DAVID RUBIN Land Collective, will present the same materials at two online public meetings: April 8 from 12:00-1:00 pm and April 22 from 6:30-8:00 pm. An information presentation will be made to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts on April 16. The public can comment on the design alternatives from March 30-April 30. Feedback from both Commissions and the public will inform design alternatives considered for further analysis. Further information is available at <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/pennave/>.



Foreign Missions Review

On March 4, the Executive Director, as a representative of the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment (FMBZA), reviewed a renovation of the Embassy of Cuba. The Foreign Missions Act of 1982 (FMA) 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 FMBZA reviews foreign missions' projects on private land such as embassies and chanceries using six decision-making criteria: facilitating foreign missions in the U.S., historic preservation, municipal and federal interests, adequacy of security, and parking.

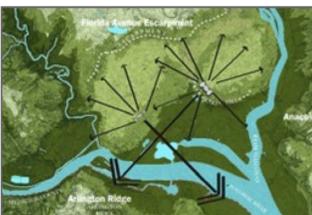
NCMAC Meeting

The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) met on March 16. This meeting focused on four pieces of legislation relevant to commemoration including new memorials, new designations, and recognition limitations. Current Planning Division Director **Diane Sullivan** represented NCPC and weighed in on legislative priorities while accounting for NCPC's review authorities and commemoration expertise. The next NCMAC meeting will be held later in the year and should include commemoration project updates such as site selection and design processes.



Arlington County Development Review

NCPC staff provided advisory federal interest comments to the Arlington County Community Planning, Housing, & Development Department on the proposed 2000 15th Street North redevelopment project and Special Land Use Study located at 1401 Langston Boulevard, which are subject to a 1982 Arlington County Board resolution on views from the National Mall ("Resolution of Concern Regarding Building Heights Related to the National Capital Mall Axis"). NCPC staff commented on potential impacts on views from federal lands and the primary east-west vista from the National Mall to the Western Horizon as identified in the [Urban Design Element's Technical Addendum](#).





Public Outreach

Happy Birthday Metro

On March 26, the Executive Director attended an event in honor of Metro's 50th anniversary. On March 27, 1976 Metrorail officially opened with five stations on the Red Line from Rhode Island Avenue to Farragut North. Today, the system has 98 stations in Washington, Maryland, and Virginia; transports more than 600,000 customers daily; and is the second busiest system in the United States. The Executive Director served on the WMATA Board from 2010-2014.

NCPC hosted Lambda Alpha International East Coast Tour

On March 20, NCPC hosted Lambda Alpha International's Washington, DC stop on its *SemiQ East Coast Tour: Land Use & History (1776-2026)* made in celebration of the United States Semiquincentennial. The one-day symposium explored the history, present trajectory, and future vision of Washington, DC. Long Range Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Secretary **Thomas Luebke** spoke on the shaping of the capital city—past and future—through distinct eras and the forces that influenced its use, character, symbolism, and economic health. Central to this story is the dynamic relationship between public purpose and private initiative, whose—alignment or tension—has determined how Washington became both a living city and a symbol of American democracy.



Personnel

NCPC Executive Named to Local Commission

Current Planning Division Director **Diane Sullivan** will represent NCPC as a non-voting member on the District Waterways Advisory Commission. Her first meeting was on March 19. This commission was established by the Council of the District of Columbia to advise the Office of District Waterways Management and to develop and adopt a strategic vision for the District's waterways.



Diane Sullivan

Farewell to Brittney Drakeford

We extend our thanks to Urban Planner **Brittney Drakeford**, who joined NCPC in March 2022 and departed after four years of dedicated service. Brittney served as NCPC's designee to the District of Columbia's Board of Zoning Adjustments and contributed to the Making DC Safe and Beautiful, Comprehensive Plan update, *Beyond Granite*, NCPC Internship Program, and the review of regional and local plans. We appreciate Brittney's contributions to the agency and wish her the very best as she continues to complete her dissertation as an Urban and Regional Planning and Design doctoral student at the University of Maryland.



Brittney Drakeford