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 a flagpole installation and site improvements at the Internal Revenue Service Federal Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW. (8229)
2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for redevelopment of Parcel F at the Southeast Federal Center per the Memorandum of Understanding, dated June 6, 2005, between the General Services Administration and the National Capital Planning Commission regarding the transfer by sale and/or long-term ground lease to Brookfield Properties and the mixed-use development of the Southeast Federal Center - The Yards, First Street, SE and N Street, SE. (8231)
3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for restoration of the Capital Crescent Trailhead and Staircase, 3600 Water Street, NW. (8232)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for rehabilitation of the Carnegie Library, including window glazing replacement and a new fence, 801 K Street, NW. (8234)
5. Final site and building plans for military working dog kennels at Joint Base Andrews, Camp Springs, Maryland. (8087)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Subtitle Z to Suspend Certain Types of Conditions for Approved Campus Plans during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, City-Wide. (ZC 20-17)
8. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Reorganize Subtitles G and H, City-Wide. (ZC 19-27A)
9. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Subtitle K, Section 238.3 to Allow Office Uses in the SEFC-3 Zone. (ZC 20-13)

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

1. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Subtitle C for Certified Landscape Expert Requirements, City-Wide. (ZC 20-15)
Planning Updates

Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

On October 28, NCPC staff met with the Interagency Working Group to discuss an updated draft of stormwater management guidelines and to address questions regarding specific maintenance practices for green infrastructure. Guideline development will continue this fall. Staff will provide the Commission with an information presentation on vertical element guidelines for streetlights and street trees at the December 3 meeting.

Comprehensive Plan: Transportation and Federal Workplace Elements

Staff is working with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) and General Services Administration (GSA) staff to update the comprehensive Transportation Management Plan Handbook. Staff continues to work with the District of Columbia Office of Planning and GSA to update the joint federal and District designated Central Employment Area and address changes to the 60:40 policy in the Federal Workplace Element. Staff plans to submit the element for Commission adoption early in 2021.

Staff Updated on District’s Food Risk Portal

On November 10, NCPC welcomed Ricardo Saavedra, lead principal at Vizonomy and Josh Schnitzlein, environment protection specialist at the District Department of Energy & the Environment, for a demonstration of the District’s new Flood Risk Portal. The online tool includes layers for FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, maximum extents of hurricane storm surges, and sea level rise projections to help design professionals, developers, and consultants identify the potential flood impacts on a particular site.

Outreach

NCPC Staff Presents at APA Federal Planning Division Fall Workshop

Policy & Research Division Urban Planner Johanna McCrehan, along with Tim Canan (MWCOG), presented “Data Drives Transportation: Changing Travel Patterns and How We’re Now Commuting to, and Parking on, Our Couch” at the American Planning Association’s Federal Planning Division Fall Workshop. They discussed short- and long-term impacts of the pandemic on the region’s travel patterns, the need to reevaluate existing transportation policies and data, and how federal agencies are embracing increased telework. They also reviewed NCPC’s new transportation monitoring program for federal facilities, transportation management planning, and other key element policies, and addressed how they may re-evaluate these considering the pandemic.
Personnel

NCPC Says Farewell to Urban Planner

Urban Planner Surina Singh accepted a position with the United States Forest Service as the Recreation Sites Project Lead. She will help implement the Great American Outdoors Act, enabling federal land managers to take aggressive steps to address deferred maintenance and other infrastructure projects across ten major regions of national forests and grasslands. We wish her well in her future endeavors.