



Fort Lincoln Park Community Center (1.)



New Jersey Avenue and O Street Park (2.)



Fort Belvoir Recreational Cabins (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 site and building plans for the Fort Lincoln Park Community Center, 3100 Fort Lincoln Drive, NE. (8224)
2. Final site development plans for the New Jersey Avenue and O Street Park, 423 O Street, NW. (8289)
3. Final site and building plans for Fort Belvoir Recreational Cabins, Morrow Road, Fort Belvoir, VA. (8323)
4. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Westminster Presbyterian Church – Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment, 400 I Street, SW. (ZC 20-12)

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 the Love-Hate Temporary Artwork, Farragut Square. (8331)
2. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the closing of Savannah Terrace, S.E., and building restriction lines removed in Square 5894 - S.O. 22-00209. (8333)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Institute of Urban Living – Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment, Bruce Place at Jasper Place, SE. (ZC 21-07)

## Planning Updates

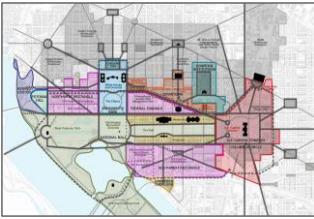
### Beyond Granite

Staff continues to partner with The Trust for the National Mall on the two-year Beyond Granite initiative following the award of a multimillion-dollar grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation announced in September 2021. Staff is working with the Trust to prepare for the first Beyond Granite Steering Committee two-day workshop which is scheduled for January 21 and 22, 2022. The Trust for the National Mall has also contracted The Van Alen Institute, Urban Studio, and **Dr. Elizabeth Morton** to help facilitate workshops, conduct public outreach, and assist with the documentation and research components of the initiative.

### Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

Pennsylvania Avenue was the site of the widely attended Redeye Night Market last month, a lively event showcasing the foods and cultures of the Asian diaspora against the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol. The overwhelmingly popular event highlighted the demand for unique outdoor spaces for public gatherings and celebrations in the foreground of the U.S. Capitol. As part of a city-wide examination of the roles of public space, placemaking, and civic infrastructure, NCPC is working with EventsDC and the DC Office of Planning to identify how the Avenue can be elevated into a venue to successfully support these type of events.





## Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

The Interagency Working Group met in late November to review the third draft of the Pedestrian Circulation guidelines and receive an update on streetscape inventories and assessments. Staff targets presenting the vertical and surface element streetscape guidelines to the Commission in the first quarter of 2022.

## Climate Action Plan

Following last month's Commission presentation of NCPC's Climate Action Plan, NCPC joined other federal agencies in releasing agency Climate Action Plans on October 7, 2021. All plans are available at [www.sustainability.gov/adaptation](http://www.sustainability.gov/adaptation). NCPC was pleased that its plan is highlighted on this page.



## Building Perimeter Security

On November 9, Urban Planner **Kael Anderson** presented to NCPC staff an inventory of building perimeter security approaches used throughout the monumental core over the past several decades. The purpose was to assess what approaches work better than others through the lens of six themes, including different types of security elements; different levels of security, temporary security measures, security element relationship to the streetscape and building character, the accumulation and convergence of security elements, and the human experience. This assessment provides a resource for the Interagency Working Group to consider when planning and designing future projects.



## Response to Coalition Proposal

In response to a request by Congresswoman Norton and Congressman Raskin, NCPC reviewed and provided comments on the National Mall Coalition's proposal for a parking garage under the National Mall that also provides stormwater storage and a visitor center. While appreciating the shared interest in addressing flooding, NCPC noted that this proposal posed impacts to the National Mall's cultural and historic resources, as well as security, health, environmental, and congestion issues, and the parking and visitor center uses were not consistent with various policies and legislation. Based on interagency reviews, other solutions to address stormwater in the Federal Triangle appear more effective with fewer impacts.



## Public Outreach

### Local Planning Chapter Conference Presentations

NCPC participated in two online panel discussions at the recent American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter conference. Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan**, Program Manager **Chris Shaheen**, DC Office of Planning, and Public Affairs Specialist **Nancee Lyons**, DC Department of Public Works and Murals DC, presented "Washington's Local and National Commemorative Landscape." Deputy Director **Kristi Tunstall-Williams**, Office of Planning & Design Quality, GSA, Senior Community Planners **Valecia Wilson** and **Evelyn Kasongo**, both with DC Office of Planning, and Director, Office of Public Engagement **Julia Koster** discussed "Past, Present and Future: A look at St. Elizabeths' East and West Campuses."





### Suzanne Firstenberg Interview

On November 19, Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** interviewed **Suzanne Firstenberg** at her studio in Bethesda, Maryland, on her exhibition of *In America: Remember*. The exhibit, which honored individuals who died from COVID-19, was on the National Mall from September 17-October 2, 2021. The interview covered topics related to the process and impact of installing temporary commemorative works, particularly on an iconic location like the National Mall. This interview is intended to capture ideas that can help inform the upcoming Beyond Granite initiative that seeks to install 8-10 temporary commemorative works in and around the National Mall. A video of the interview will be available to the public in the near future.



### Blog: Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

In honor of this month, Communications and Research Support Specialist **Bsrat Mezghebe** highlighted the National Native American Veterans Memorial, which honors the proud service of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans and their families. You can read the blog online:

<https://www.ncpc.gov/news/item/160/1/>



### Personnel

#### Combined Federal Campaign

NCPC launched its Combined Federal Campaign on November 8, with a goal of raising \$8000. Financial Management Specialist **Cristin Sanders** is leading NCPC's efforts.