



Sheridan Building Renovations (1.)



School Without Walls (2.)

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 Armed Forces Retirement Home Sheridan Building Renovations, 3700 North Capitol Street, NW. (8420)
2. Final site and building plans for the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens School Modernization, 2425 N Street, NW. (8401)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the National Institutes of Health Surgery, Radiology and Lab Medicine Building Addition Facade Design Changes, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8235)

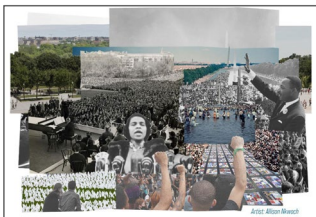
During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following project is exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment from RA-1 to RA-2, Square 1913, Lots 8, 9 and 20. (ZC 22-17)

Planning Updates

Beyond Granite Preview and Artist Announcement

On Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 am the Trust for the National Mall, along with NCPC and the National Park Service, will provide a special preview of *Beyond Granite* and its inaugural exhibition. Sign up to watch the livestreamed event, which includes the announcement of the six artists taking part in the exhibition, where new, short-term approaches to commemoration will be explored on the National Mall and other Washington locations. Co-curators **Dr. Paul Farber**, Director of Monument Lab and **Dr. Salamishah Tillet**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and scholar will present the artists and lead a panel discussion. [RSVP online](#).



Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

In November, the Commission received a briefing on key findings from the four-month public comment period and the timeline for preparing a new Pennsylvania Avenue Plan, including concept and design development and an implementation program. Survey crews will be on the ground this winter working to prepare a survey that will inform these next steps. In addition, NCPC staff gave a joint presentation on the initiative to the Harvard, MIT, and Yale Alumni Clubs, and provided a briefing to the District of Columbia Council at its weekly legislative meeting. NCPC anticipates releasing a request for proposals for consultant services in the first quarter of 2023.



Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

The Interagency Working Group met in November to advance development of furnishings and civic infrastructure guidelines, including new guidelines for electric vehicle charging stations. In early 2023 the Commission will be asked to release these new guidelines for public comment. The Commission will also be asked to approve the final Vertical and Surface Elements.





Resilience and Flooding in America's Capital

NCPC staff participated in several resilience and flooding related events in Washington. These included a day-long charette on potential levee designs at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling; continuing work with the District Department of Energy & Environment to develop the District of Columbia Flood Action Plan; the DC Silver Jackets quarterly meeting, which included updates on the District's Resilience Focus Areas and the SW Resilience Plan; and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's DC Military Installation Resilience Review, which is considering activities adjacent to several military bases to support base missions and community interests.



NCPC Provides Feedback on Federal Workplace Document

NCPC staff provided comments to the Interagency Security Committee on its draft *Mobile Federal Workplace Security: An Interagency Security Committee Best Practices* document. The document includes new and relevant guidance on physical and cyber security considerations for teleworking at home, in alternative workplace environments, and in public, while also addressing how telework options can augment continuity planning.



ULI Regional Forum: Prioritizing Our Region's Future

On November 30, NCPC staff, along with other regional leaders, participated in the Urban Land Institute Washington's Regional Forum: Prioritizing Our Region's Future. Attendees worked together to create actionable solutions to address the region's challenges around housing, transportation, commercial real estate, and infrastructure.



Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden Groundbreaking

On November 16 the Executive Director and other NCPC staff attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Smithsonian Institution Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden. First Lady **Jill Biden** remarked on the importance of art in our fast-paced world. At its Thursday, December 2, 2021 online meeting NCPC approved final site development plans for revitalization of the Hirshhorn Museum Sculpture Garden.

Personnel

NCPC Equity Training

On November 15 NCPC staff participated in the first of three training sessions on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, led by Justice & Sustainability Associates. This training will help agency staff advance the actions in the agency's equity action plan. Additional training sessions will take place on December 13 and January 10.





Lori Abdin

NCPC Welcomes New HR Specialist

Lori Abdin, the new HR Specialist, joined NCPC from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. After 20 plus years as an independent business owner in the San Francisco Bay Area, Lori relocated to the National Capital Region where she transitioned into human resources, working at agencies including the U.S. Department of Interior and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She holds a bachelor's degree in human resource management from University of Maryland University College and a master's degree in non-profit and corporate communications from Johns Hopkins University.



Amya Matthews

NCPC Bids Farewell to Intern

NCPC bids farewell to Intern **Amya Matthews**, who will continue her smart and sustainable cities studies as a junior at Virginia Tech. While at NCPC, she assisted the Policy & Research Division with developing a catalog of past temporary commemorative works on the National Mall and conducting field work for the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan* update. We thank her for her contributions and wish her continued success in all her pursuits.