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Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Dog Park (1.)



NIH Garages (4.)







Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority. Unless othereise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

- Preliminary and final site development plans for the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Dog Park Solar Powered Lights Installation, 3143 Arnold Avenue, SW. (8506)
- 2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Liberty Loan Building Antenna Modification, 401 14th Street, SW. (8508)
- 3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the McMillan Water Treatment Plant North Clearwell Replacement, 2500 1st Street, NW. (8437)
- 4. Preliminary and final site development plans for the NIH Garages 6, 7, and 9 Mounted Solar Arrays, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8507)
- 5. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Text Amendment to Subtitle B, Section 324.1 to Clarify the Rules of Measurement of Lot Occupancy. (ZC 22-23)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative partners are in the early stages of evaluating the Implementation Program proposals (RFP 1) for consultant services focusing on the economic and stewardship components of the new plan. The pre-solicitation notice for the Public Space Master Plan (RFP 2) has been posted. More information is available on NCPC's website https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/pennave.

Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

In November, NCPC staff incorporated Interagency Working Group revisions into the Draft Small-Scale Streetscape Guidelines in preparation for Commission and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts review in spring 2024. Additionally, NCPC staff continued to coordinate across agencies to advance the update of the Construction Manual, and are working to complete the LED Streetlight Specifications in coordination with the District's Department of Transportation Smart Street Light Program timeline.

Comprehensive Plan/Submission Guidelines

NCPC is updating the Comprehensive Plan's Introduction Chapter and the agency's Submission Guidelines to address critical regional planning challenges, including climate change and equity needs. At the December 7 meeting staff will request the release of both for a 90-day public comment period starting mid-December 2023. Public meetings regarding the updates will take place in early 2024.



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Public Outreach

Georgetown Global Cities Initiatives

On November 8, the Executive Director joined **Nani Coloretti**, Deputy Director, OMB; Mayor **Anthony Willliams**, CEO, Federal City Council; **Keith Cunningham**, Assistant Director, GAO; and **Peter Otteni**, Executive Vice President, Boston Properties in a panel discussion led by **Norman Dong**, Partner, FD Stonewater and former GSA Public Buildings Service Commissioner titled *The Impact of Underutilized Federal Real Estate on Cities in America*. The panel, part of the Georgetown Global Cities Initiative program, discussed the federal government's underutilized real estate and its impact on local communities.



The Future of Monuments

On November 3, the Executive Director participated on *The Future of Monuments* panel that was part of the three-day Monuments of the Future conference co-hosted by the Goethe-Institut of Washington, DC in cooperation with the DC Public Library. The conference included a series of discussions, installations, and workshops about monuments and their statements of power and presence in public. He spoke about the *Beyond Granite* initiative and how art can advance memory in public spaces. Other panelists were **Urte Evert**, Director, Citadel Museums Spandau; **Susan Piedmont-Palladino**, Director, Virginia Tech's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center; and **Sean Fader**, artist, New York. **Josef Palermo**, artist, producer, and arts organizer, moderated.



NCPC's 2024 Centennial

On December 5, a group of external experts met to review the revised outline for the Centennial exhibit, offering their ideas for clarifying messages. NCPC staff continues adding new entries to the Centennial digital library, which is available online https://centennial.ncpc.gov/library.html. As the Centennial year approaches, plans are underway for a variety of events.



PastForward National Preservation Conference

On November 10, NCPC hosted the *Understanding Cultural Landscapes and Planning for Change at the National Mall Workshop*, part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's PastForward National Preservation Conference. During sessions at NCPC's office and a walking tour of the National Mall, NCPC urban planners **Ben Turpin** and **Kael Anderson** joined professionals with the National Park Service and preservation consultants from MIG, Inc. to explain cultural landscape features and highlight NCPC initiatives. Workshop presentations focused on cultural landscape frameworks, methodologies, and case studies, with NCPC specifically presenting on the agency's role in preservation on the National Mall.



Former NCPC Staff Member Honored

On November 14, the DC Preservation League presented former NCPC Historic Preservation Officer Nancy Witherell with its DC Preservation League Lifetime Achievement Award. Nancy worked at NCPC from 1994-2011 before joining the General Services Administration. The Executive Director nominated her due to her decades of service as a steward of the capital city's most important federal landmarks. Congratulations Nancy!



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Paul Medvetsky

Personnel

NCPC Bids Farewell to Intern

Paul Medvetsky completed a fall internship with the Physical Planning Division where he authored blog posts on various topics related to Pennsylvania Avenue, as well as supporting other divisions on the GIS database and NCPC's Centennial planning activities. A New York City native, Paul will graduate from Georgetown University this month with an undergraduate degree in urban studies. Previously, he interned with the NYC Planning Department and Greater Greater Washington.