



ATF Headquarters (1.)



Executive Office Building (2.)



Tennis and Learning Center (3.)



Chinatown Park Lotus Sculpture (5.)



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 ATF Headquarters Perimeter Fence Extension and Permanent Ladders, 99 New York Avenue, NE. (8601)
2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the New Executive Office Building and Eisenhower Executive Office Building President's Park Officer Posts. (8604)
3. Final site and building plans for the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center South, 702 Valley Avenue, SE. (8534)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Public Street Opened and a Portion of a Public Street Closed in Square 1112-E - S.O. 23-01560. (8607)
5. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Chinatown Park Lotus Sculpture Temporary Installation, 5th, 6th, and I Streets NW, and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. (8589)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment, 4337-4347 and 4353-4363 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SW; 201-211 and 200-210 Elmira Street, SW. (ZC 23-29)
7. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Text Amendment to Subtitle K, Section 230.4 for Building 173 in The Yards, 301 Water Street, SE. (ZC 24-08)

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 and building plans for the Washington Canoe Club Modifications and Repairs, 3700 Water Street, NW. (8598)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the National Archives Public Space Wayfinding, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8608)

Planning Updates

Focus Groups Hosted on the Changing Federal Footprint

In partnership with the Public Building Reform Board and the Urban Land Institute (ULI), NCPC hosted four focus group sessions on the Changing Federal Footprint project. Held on November 13 and 15, the sessions will inform the agency's long-term planning on the evolving federal city and build upon the District of Columbia's approach to long-term economic vitality. Participants discussed economic opportunities that may arise from federal real estate disposition and portfolio optimization around the National Mall; identified opportunity sites and land use catalysts for disposed buildings; considered historic preservation, infrastructure, and sustainability factors needed to convert federal buildings; and proposed implementation strategies and potential organizational structures that could effectively execute conversions and prepare federally owned sites for redevelopment. Information gathered from the focus group sessions will guide ULI's Technical Assistance Panel on this important topic.



NCPC Participates in New DC Parks Task Force

On November 13, the Executive Director participated in the DC Parks Task Force kickoff. The task force will provide recommendations for advancing strategies to establish a trust or conservancy to support the District's parks and pursue a more efficient process to reach cooperative agreements or transfers of jurisdiction with National Park Service for federal park management. The task force builds upon policies and initiatives championed by NCPC like the CapitalSpace plan and the collaborative rehabilitation of Franklin Park. Led by key District leaders and facilitators, the task force brings together diverse stakeholders to foster inclusive dialogue and innovative strategies for sustainable, accessible parks. The task force will hold several meetings through spring 2025.



Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

As the holiday season approaches, event preparations are unfolding. From November 22-December 23, visitors to Pennsylvania Avenue can enjoy a short walk to the new and expanded [DowntownDC Holiday Market](#), and see initial staging for the upcoming Inaugural events. The Pennsylvania Avenue project consultant teams, led by DAVID RUBIN Land Collective and HR&A Advisors, will formally kick off the design phase of the project with a walking tour of the Avenue with the project partners in early December. They will discuss how to make the Avenue a beautiful pedestrian destination and assess the event infrastructure and programming needs as they begin to refine the three early concept ideas NCPC released for public comment in 2022.

Public Outreach



District of Columbia ULI Housing Technical Assistance Panel

On November 20 and 21, the Executive Director, Long Range Planning Deputy Director **Angela Dupont**, and Long Range Planning Director **Michael Sherman** participated in the District of Columbia and Urban Land Institute led Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) to address housing in the District of Columbia. The task force is organized by the Federal City Council, and co-chaired by Deputy Mayor Nina Albert, District Councilmember Matt Frumin, and Federal City Council CEO Mayor Anthony Williams. Specifically, the TAP will develop housing strategies that attract and retain students and early-career professionals pursuing jobs in the public service industry cluster. The TAP focused on opportunities in Downtown Washington and nearby neighborhoods that are most accessible to career and professional development opportunities in the industry cluster. These strategies will leverage the assets and resources of the federal government, universities, institutions, and businesses.



NCPC Centennial Celebration Coming to a Close

The Centennial exhibit *Planning Washington: Capital and Community* ended its run at Arena Stage on December 3, the last venue where it was displayed. In conjunction with the display, NCPC partnered with the SWBID, Arena Stage, the DC Public Library Foundation, and DC History Tours to provide four sold-out free walking tours that considered the planning and architectural history of Southwest. Several additional oral histories will be posted and available in the upcoming weeks at <https://centennial.ncpc.gov>. As the Centennial year wraps up, NCPC is grateful for the organizations we partnered with, including the DC Public Library, the Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, the SWBID and Prologue DC. NCPC also appreciates the people that shared their expertise through panel presentations, research, and other contributions.



Construct Integrated Bezos Learning Center

The Smithsonian Institution is seeking comments from the public on the draft Environmental Assessment. The document has two proposed alternatives: Action and No Action. The public is encouraged to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment through December 20. An online public meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 2:00 pm. More information is on NCPC's website: <https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/notices/>



Workplace at CoreNet Global Summit

On November 1, Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** participated in a panel discussion, *Future Workplace Ecosystems: Hybrid Work and the City Scale*, at the CoreNet Global Summit North America 2024, Washington, DC. The dynamic panel consisted of urban planners, developers, clients, and workplace designers from Gensler, Carr Properties, and Amazon HQ2 who discussed their perspectives on what these ecosystems look like and how they might inspire a seismic shift in how work is reconceived within this ecosystem.



Staff Shares NCPC's Past, Present, and Future with Lambda Alpha International

The Lambda Alpha International George Washington Chapter (LAIGW), a global honorary society for professionals in the field of land economics, hosted its November luncheon at NCPC. Staff presented the agency's centennial efforts, as well as provided an overview of the agency's role in shaping the future of the National Capital Region through comprehensive planning and development oversight. They highlighted key agency initiatives such as *Beyond Granite*, Pennsylvania Avenue, and the Federal Workplace Element update. LAIGW members were impressed by the agency's work and look forward to tracking the agency's future initiatives.



College Track Students Career Panel

On November 14, Urban Planner **Brittney Drakeford** participated in a career panel, hosted by College Track at the Durant Center, which is located adjacent to the Suitland Federal Center in Maryland. She discussed how NCPC's projects shape federal land use, transportation, and environmental policy in the National Capital Region and ensures that development aligns with the needs of communities and federal interests. She also discussed her career journey to becoming an urban planner. For many students, this was their first time learning about urban planning as a career path and they expressed interest in wanting to visit NCPC offices to learn more about the agency's work.