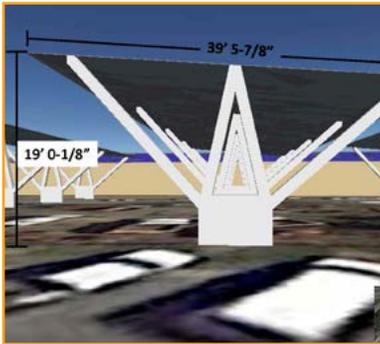


Report of the Executive Director



Photovoltaic panel installation (2)



Washington Channel
and Maine Avenue (5)



Commissioner Thomas Gallas

During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegated authority.

1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a modification to the antenna site on the Branchville Water Tower #316 at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (7142)
2. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for a photovoltaic panel installation at the National Park Service's East Potomac Maintenance Yard, 1000 Ohio Drive, SW. (7751)
3. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for photovoltaic solar systems at various buildings and schools in the District of Columbia. (7748)
4. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the closing of public alley in Squares 5772, between Shannon Place, SE, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, SE. (7747)
5. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a Second Stage Planned Unit Development, Parcel 1, Market Square and Mark Shed, Square 473, Lots 854, and 856, bound by Maine Avenue Fish Market, Parcel 2, Washington Channel and Maine Avenue, SW. (ZC 11-03C)
6. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a Map Amendment from R-4 to R-5-B, Square 2848, Lots 39, 40, 72, and 838 (1900 11th Street, NW, LLC), 1368, 1370, & 1372 Kenyon Street, NW & 1361 Irving Street, NW. (ZC 14-24)
7. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 472, Lot 127 (P.N. Hoffman and Associates, Inc. and Riverside Baptist Church), 680 I Street, SW. (ZC 15-05)

COMMISSION UPDATES

Thomas Gallas Appointed New Commissioner

President Barack Obama appointed Thomas M. Gallas to the National Capital Planning Commission as the Presidential Appointee representing the state of Maryland. Mr. Gallas is the chief executive officer of Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc., a Silver Spring, Maryland-based architectural firm. He joined the company in 1985.

Ron Cogswell



PLANNING UPDATES

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Executive Committee continues to work with Sasaki and HR&A Advisors to finalize the real estate market study. The study evaluates current and projected real estate market conditions along the corridor and considers how Pennsylvania Avenue is economically positioned within downtown, the city, and the region.

The market study will lay the groundwork for identifying potential economic and urban design strategies that will help inform a range of preliminary urban development scenarios. This work will begin in February and run through the spring. Staff anticipates briefing the Commission in May before holding a public meeting in the summer. Results of this effort will help scope a future update to the 1974 *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan*.

FBI Headquarters Consolidation and Exchange

The General Service Administration (GSA) is in the process of selecting an “exchange partner” to construct a consolidated headquarters facility for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on one of three sites—Greenbelt or Landover, Maryland or Springfield, Virginia. Upon completion and acceptance of the new FBI headquarters facility by GSA, the exchange partner will receive fee simple title to the J. Edgar Hoover (JEH) Building and land located on Squares 378 and 379, bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, 9th, 10th, and E Streets, NW.

On January 6, NCPC staff sent comments in response to the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by GSA for the proposed property exchange. The draft EIS analyzes the impacts of relocating the consolidated headquarters to each of the three potential new sites and the general impacts based on Reasonable Foreseeable Redevelopment Scenarios for Squares 378 and 379. NCPC review is anticipated for both the new FBI headquarters as well as redevelopment of the JEH parcel.

Squares 378 and 379 are located within the 1974 *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan* boundary. This plan guides land use and design for development within the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor between the White House and the U.S. Capitol. In December 2015, NCPC transmitted a proposed plan amendment to GSA that will allow for the future private reuse or redevelopment of the site. On January 12, GSA submitted the proposed plan amendment to Congress for a 60-day review period.



J. Edgar Hoover Building

NPS/NCPC Small Parks Study

NCPC and the National Park Service (NPS) continue working on the Small Parks Management Study for approximately 300 NPS sites within the District of Columbia. Staff will review a draft final report in March. The study will develop a strategy for how best to manage these sites more holistically and consistently, better coordinate with District agencies, improve site conditions, and enable expanded partnerships. This work complements the 2010 *CapitalSpace Plan* completed by NPS, NCPC, and the District of Columbia.

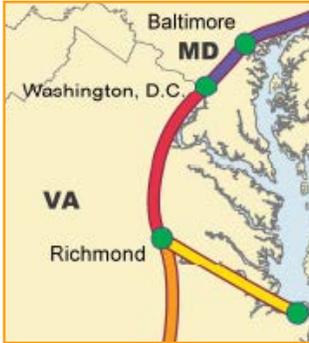


PLANNING UPDATES CONTINUED

Staff Comments on National Capital Region Plans

In January, staff provided comments on several regional plans:

- **DC2RVA High Speed Rail Plan:** the Washington, DC to Richmond segment of the Southeast High Speed Rail project that is part of a larger nationwide higher speed intercity passenger rail plan identified by USDOT and the states of Virginia and North Carolina.
- **NEC FUTURE:** a comprehensive planning effort to define, evaluate, and prioritize future investments in the Northeast Corridor (NEC) from Washington, DC to Boston. The Federal Railroad Administration launched NEC FUTURE in February 2012 to consider the role of rail passenger service in the context of current and future transportation demands. Staff provided comments on the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and the Service Development Plan.
- **Westbard Sector Plan:** Montgomery County Planning revised this plan, last updated in 1982. Westbard lies in the southwestern part of Montgomery County, approximately one mile from the District boundary line and less than two miles from the Friendship Heights and Bethesda commercial areas. The new Westbard Sector Plan re-assesses and updates the goals and achievements of the 1982 Plan to provide guidance for the next 20 years. It addresses new challenges in the Westbard area, including changes in traffic, housing demand, and office and retail trends. This Sector Plan also seeks to fulfill the goals of the 1982 plan that were never realized, including streetscape improvements to River Road and Westbard Avenue, environmental enhancements to the Willett Branch stream, and addition of much needed green spaces.



R/HR Passenger Rail Project



GSA

Potomac Hill



Bjarke Ingel Group

Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan



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Tomáš G. Masaryk Memorial

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Potomac Hill Section 106 meeting

On February 22 a GSA-led Section 106 meeting for the Potomac Hill Campus Master Plan will take place at 1:00 pm in the offices of Louis Berger, 1250 23rd Street, NW.

Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan Section 106 Meeting

On January 27 the Smithsonian Institution hosted a Section 106 consulting parties meeting for the Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan project. The discussion focused on the South Mall Cultural Landscape Report.

National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission Meeting

On January 28 the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission reviewed H.R. 4072, which would remove a restriction that prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for maintenance of the Tomáš G. Masaryk Memorial. They also consulted with the National Desert Storm Memorial Association on potential locations for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTINUED**NCPC Staff “Brown Bag” Luncheon Presentations**

On January 20 **Brad White**, Associate Director at the Alphawood Foundation Chicago and a Presidentially-appointed member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, provided a recap of the “Questioning the Tools” panel that he moderated at the November 2015 Past Forward Conference. This provided the basis for a discussion on the effectiveness of current federal historic preservation policies and programs in fully representing diverse histories.



On January 21 **Elizabeth Okeke-Von Batten**, Director of the Center for Design & the City and Program Director of the Sustainable Cities Design Academy, and **Thom Minner**, Director of the American Architectural Foundation’s Center for Design & Cultural Heritage shared several of the American Architectural Foundation’s different programs. These include the Mayor’s Institute on Design, Save America’s Treasures, and the Sustainable Cities Design Academy. The following discussion examined ways to successfully engage leaders and citizens in thinking about design.

**NCPC Participates in Combined Federal Campaign**

NCPC successfully concluded its participation in the 2015 Combined Federal Campaign for the National Capital Area. In total, the agency raised \$7,500 and received the Chairman’s Award in recognition of staff’s extraordinary support of individuals and communities in need. This year’s campaign effort was creatively led by Urban Planner **Nicholas Bonard**.