



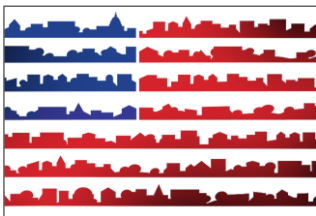
GSA Central Heating Plant (1.)



899 Maine Avenue, SW (2.)



1707 8th Street, NW (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 and final building plans for the GSA Central Heating Plant Antenna Modification, 325 13th Street, SW. (8432)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 390, Lot 53, 899 Maine Avenue, SW. (ZC 22-06)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 419, Lot 34, 1707 8th Street, NW. (ZC 22-09)

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 Modification of Significance of Planned Unit Development and Map Amendment at Square 1661. (ZC 96-13A)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

On January 9, Mayor Bowser released her Economic Development Strategy that includes the new Pennsylvania Avenue Vision as an important high-impact public space initiative to contribute to transforming downtown's destination corridors to support *DC's Comeback Plan*. In December and early January, NCPC staff briefed the Downtown DC BID events team, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board, and the Washington DC Economic Partnership on the initiative. Survey crews are in the field working on a site survey which will support concept and design development.

Monumental Core

In January, the Interagency Working Group completed the final Vertical and Surface Guidelines and the draft Small-Scale Guidelines. In March, staff will present the final Vertical and Surface Guidelines to the Commission for acceptance. In April they will request release of the Draft Small-Scale Guidelines for a 60-day public comment period.

Federal Elements Introduction Chapter

In January, NCPC staff held the first of a series of equity focus group meetings with historically underrepresented groups to discuss the update of the Introduction Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements and gain additional information on equity planning within the National Capital Region. While the Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that serves as the blueprint for the region's long-term development, it does not include analysis on how the plan impacts underserved communities or targeted policies that could improve equity outcomes. Over the next year, NCPC will develop a framework and guiding principles within the introduction chapter to address equity across the Comprehensive Plan to help guide subsequent updates and inform agency review and planning initiatives.

Public Outreach

Public Building Reform Board

On January 26, the Executive Director and Urban Design & Plan Review Division Director **Diane Sullivan** met with the Public Buildings Reform Board, an independent agency tasked with identifying opportunities for the federal government to significantly reduce its inventory of civilian real property to reduce costs. They discussed NCPC's long-range planning initiatives for the region and how specific projects might align with the board's work. Both parties recognized the importance of future collaboration.



Commemoration Presentation to William & Mary Washington Center

On January 6, Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** and *Beyond Granite* Project Manager **Lauren Wilson** presented to multidisciplinary College of William and Mary students taking a winter seminar in Washington titled, *In Memoriam: Monuments Past, Present, Fallen and Future*. The presentation centered on Washington's existing commemoration processes and planning, and the focus of the *Beyond Granite* temporary commemoration effort to rethink them. Taught by Professor **Joseph Smolinski**, the class encourages students to develop new future monument proposals that focus on equity, accessibility, and longevity.



Year in Review

NCPC released its 2022 Year in Review, a look back at the past year's activities and a look ahead to new and continuing efforts. The visually striking mobile-friendly annual report explores some of the agency's innovative efforts related to commemoration and public space, and how strong partnerships and public engagement contribute to NCPC's work furthering the nation's capital as a great place to live, work, and visit. The report is available at: <https://www.ncpc.gov/ar2022/>



Personnel

Planning Association Task Force

Urban Planner **Brittney Drakeford** was appointed to the American Planning Association Certification Maintenance (CM) Targeted Topic Evaluation Task Force on Sustainability and Resilience. The task force advises the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Commission on current and new topics required for AICP certification. The CM program's mandatory credit requirement ensures that certified planners throughout their careers pursue common professional development experiences and values that form the foundation of their profession.



Brittney Drakeford

Planning Association Board

Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** was elected as Vice Chair of Membership on the American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter's Board of Directors. She will serve from January 2023 to December 2024. Congratulations Melissa.



Melissa Lindsjo