



Map Amendment at Square 3040 (.1)

# Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following project is exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. The following project is in Washington, DC.

1. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Square 3040, 650 Morton Street, NW. (ZC 23-09)

## Planning Updates

### Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

On January 4, Urban Planner **Jeff Jamawat** briefed the Commission on the project status and timeline. On January 8, NCPC staff hosted a pre-bid meeting for the second Request for Proposal (RFP), the Public Space Master Plan/Concept Design. Proposals are due March 1, 2024. On January 10, to advance the selection process for the first RFP, the Implementation Program Technical Review Panel held a listening session with each of the shortlisted firms. On January 24, the Executive Director, Physical Planning Director **Elizabeth Miller**, and **Jeff Jamawat** briefed Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development **Nina Albert** on the status of the initiative, timeline, and alignment with the Mayor's priorities to revive the downtown economy. More information on the initiative is available on [NCPC's website](#).



### Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

In January, the Interagency Working Group met to wrap up final revisions to the Small-Scale Guidelines for Commission review and acceptance in the spring. The Small-Scale Guidelines include street furniture and civic infrastructure that contributes to the quality and character of public space and the pedestrian's experience.



### Workplace Scenario Planning Study

NCPC, in partnership with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), is using scenario planning to better understand the cumulative impacts of federal telework and hybrid workplaces on the region. NCPC and COG are finalizing the "Workplace Scenario Planning Key Findings Report," prepared by the consultants The Schreifer Group, HR&A, and Wells and Associates. The report analyzed three baseline scenarios and the impact of telework on the region's federal real estate, federal workforce demographics, where federal workers live, and public transportation and commuting patterns – with consideration for cross-cutting areas including environmental sustainability, resiliency, and equity. Initial findings were presented to the Commission at its December meeting. The final report will be available on the agency website later this month.



### Federal Triangle Flood Risk Meeting

On January 11, NCPC and the DC Silver Jackets co-hosted a meeting with federal and District agency representatives to discuss two recently prepared reports regarding flood risk management in the Federal Triangle. One report summarizes a multi-agency workshop that considered various system-wide solutions to address flood risk, while the other provides a high-level damage and cost assessment. Agencies expressed interest in both continuing individual efforts to address flood risks, while also pursuing additional funding and resources to conduct more detailed feasibility studies and cost benefits analyses.





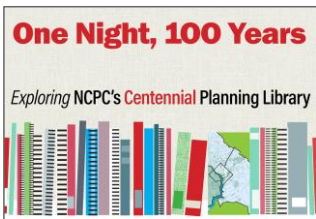
## Public Outreach

### Comprehensive Plan and Submission Guidelines Public Meetings

On January 27, NCPC hosted a virtual public meeting to present the Comprehensive Plan's draft Introduction Chapter and Submission Guidelines update. NCPC will host an in person public meeting on February 20. Public comments on the draft documents will be accepted through March 12, 2024. For more information visit <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/intro/>.

### NCPC Launches Its Centennial

NCPC kicked off its Centennial celebrations on January 23 with the virtual event, "One Night, 100 Years," attended by over 200 members of the public. In a fun round of presentations, six thought-provoking planners discussed items from NCPC and the District Office Of Planning's new online planning library, a collection of influential plans that shaped the region's development over the past 100 years. The panelists included **Alex Baca**, Greater Greater Washington; **Ras Tafari Cannady II**, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command; **Carlton Hart**, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts; **Tracy Hadden Loh**, Brookings Metro; **Rebecca Miller**, DC Preservation League; and **Andrew Trueblood**, Trueblood.city. Throughout the year, NCPC will offer exhibits and other events to explore the legacy of the agency's milestone.



### Healing, Bridging, Thriving: A Summit on Arts and Culture in Our Communities

On January 30, the Executive Director attended "Healing, Bridging, Thriving: A Summit on Arts and Culture in Our Communities," co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and White House Domestic Policy Council. This first of a kind national convening brought together government officials, policymakers, artists, advocates, academics, and philanthropy to explore how arts can improve well-being, animate and strengthen physical space, and drive equitable outcomes for communities.



### DESIGNArlington

On January 5, Policy and Research Director **Michael Sherman** participated as a design juror to select winners for the 2023 DESIGNArlington Awards. The DESIGNArlington Award recognizes projects that represent design excellence in Arlington, Virginia's built environment and strives to increase public awareness of outstanding design. The DESIGNArlington competition takes place every two years. Residents, property owners, developers, architects and other members of the design community may enter design projects in the areas of new construction, renovations, additions or adaptive re-use. Awards are given in two primary categories: Award of Excellence and Award of Merit. Projects may also be recognized as Honorable Mention for their contribution to county priorities such as affordable housing, sustainability, and equity.



### Federal APA Conference

On May 13, federal planners from around the country will gather in Washington, DC to participate in the American Planning Association Federal Planning Division's annual conference. NCPC is working closely with the division on all aspects of the conference as a great way to celebrate NCPC's Centennial and to highlight the innovative work by federal agencies in this region.

