



Square 1197 PUD (1.)



Square 439S (2.)



Square 449 (3.)

Report of the Executive Director

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

1. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 1197, 3000 M Street, NW. (ZC 22-16)
2. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 439S, 807 Maine Avenue, SW. (ZC 22-11)
3. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a Map Amendment at Square 449, Lot 64, 1100 6th Street, NW. (ZC 22-22)

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. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Elimination of a Building Restriction Line in Square 3786 Lot 1 - S.O. 22-07264, 4950 South Dakota Avenue, NE. (8425)
2. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Closing of a Public Alley in Squares 5125 and 5157 - S.O. 23-00147, 4408 Sheriff Road, NE. (8426)
3. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Argyle Condominium Association – Map Amendment at Square 2607, 3220 17th Street, NW. (ZC 22-18)
4. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Square 3786, 4950 South Dakota Avenue, NE. (ZC 22-19)

Planning Updates

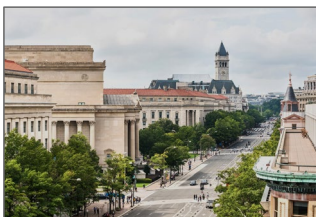
Beyond Granite Special Preview and Artist Unveiling

On December 7, the Trust for the National Mall, in partnership with the NCPC and National Park Service, hosted a special preview of *Beyond Granite* and its inaugural exhibition at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. The program included an announcement of the 2023 inaugural exhibition artist roster and concept by co-curators, **Dr. Paul Farber**, Director of Monument Lab and **Dr. Salamishah Tillet**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and scholar. The panel discussion featured the project curators and the selected artists in discussion about the upcoming exhibition and the exciting work ahead in expanding the dialogue of commemoration on the National Mall. Video of the program is available online at <https://www.beyondgranite.org/livestream>.



Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

In December, NCPC staff briefed the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board and **Melanie Nwsou**, the Downtown BID's new Director of Events and Partnerships. Survey crews started field work to prepare a site survey that will help inform concept and design development. NCPC is working on procurement of consultant services, anticipating releasing a request for proposals in the spring of 2023.





Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

In December, the Interagency Working Group submitted final comments on the Vertical and Surface Elements and met to review the final draft of the Small-Scale Elements. In early 2023 the Commission will be asked to approve the final Vertical and Surface Element Guidelines and to release the Small-Scale Element Guidelines for public comment.

District's Racial Equity Action Plan

The District government released a draft of its first Racial Equity Action Plan, which outlines actions District agencies will take to close racial equity gaps and measure progress toward a more equitable city. Key implementation actions include creating toolkits and analytical assessment exercises for agencies to assess the ability to collect data on race and ethnicity; creating a historical timeline of racial equity in the city as a training resource; and launching technical assistance and training support across District government to introduce meaningful community engagement resources. NCPC staff looks forward to working with the District's Office of Racial Equity to implement NCPC's Racial Equity Plan and update the Introduction Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements.



Zero Waste DC Plan

Staff provided comments on the District's Department of Public Works' Office of Waste Diversion Zero Waste DC Plan's revised draft framework. The revised draft framework comprises seven overarching goals and 43 proposed actions to divert more than 80 percent or more of waste generated by the city. Staff recommend ongoing cooperation with federal agencies, specifically noting areas of coordination around developing Zero Waste Hubs, the adoption of a universal recycling and composting ordinance, and to update the DC Green Construction Code to require a waste diversion rate of 80 percent for recoverable materials. Staff anticipates a draft release of the Zero Waste Plan in spring 2023.



Personnel

NCPC Says Farewell to Long-Time Urban Planner

Carlton Hart joined NCPC in 2006 as an urban planner in the Policy & Research Division where he focused on the CapitalSpace project, organizing Washington's first ever parks condition inventory. In 2008 he joined the Urban Design & Plan Review Division, where he presented to the Commission on more than 100 projects including the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Facility, Kennedy Center expansion, Department of Homeland Security headquarters Center Building, and master plans for the Pentagon Reservation, Washington Navy Yard, Foreign Missions Center, and Arlington Cemetery. Carlton was NCPC's representative on the Board of Zoning & Adjustment, serving as vice chair between 2017 and 2020. We wish him all the best in his new role as senior urban planner at the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and anticipate that our paths will cross again.



Carlton Hart