

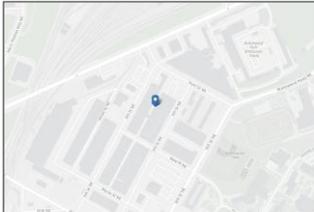
# Report of the Executive Director



Alley Closing in Square 3701 (1.)

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority. The following project is in Washington, DC.

1. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Request to Close a 10-Foot Unimproved Public Alley in Square 3701 - S.O. 23-06220, 5321 1st Place, NE. (8512)



Map Amendment in Square 3592 (2.)

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 Closing of a Public Alley in Square 3524 - S.O. 23-06402, 1710 1st Street, NE. (8513)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development, Related Map Amendment, and Air Rights, Square 3592, Lots 19-23, 500 Penn Street, NE. (ZC 22-35)

## Planning Updates

### Comprehensive Plan and Submission Guidelines



On December 7, 2023, the Commission released updates to the Comprehensive Plan's Introduction Chapter and Submission Guidelines for a 90-day public comment period that runs through March 12, 2024. The proposed Introduction Chapter updates consist of changes intended to address critical planning issues in the National Capital Region, such as equity, climate change/resiliency, and the changing federal workplace footprint.

The first step to embed equity considerations into the agency's planning work is revisions to the agency's submission guidelines. The revisions integrate equity into the review process, consistent with proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. NCPC will host public meetings on January 25 (online) and February 20 (in person) to present the updates and allow attendees to ask questions and provide informal comments. For more information on the draft updates, public comment period, and public meetings, visit <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/intro/>



Jeff Jamawat (left) Karin Schierhold (right)

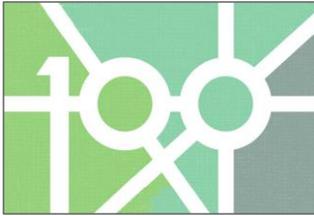
### Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative partners are seeking services from two consultant teams; the implementation program (IP) team will focus on economic and stewardship components of the new plan; and the master plan (MP) Team will focus on physical design and infrastructure components. NCPC posted the Request for Proposal for the MP team on December 21, 2023. Proposals are due March 1, 2024. More information is available on NCPC's website <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/pennave>. On December 15, DC News Now interviewed Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold** and **Jeff Jamawat** on the Pennsylvania Avenue vision.



### Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

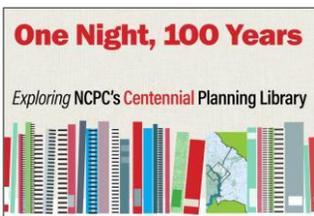
In December, the Interagency Working Group (IWG) met to discuss waste receptacles, EV charging stations, and updates to lighting specifications before sending out the final draft of the Small-Scale Guidelines for final IWG review. Work is on track for Commission review and acceptance in the spring.



## Public Outreach

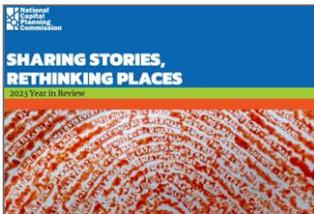
### NCPC's 2024 Centennial

NCPC is excited to kick off its Centennial celebrations. In 2024, the agency will offer a range of exciting and educational products and events that engage diverse audiences on NCPC's role in the region's planning. The Centennial website, <https://centennial.ncpc.gov>, is home to the online planning library, a collection of influential plans of the region's development, as well as an oral history archive that captures the reflections of former NCPC commissioners and staff who shaped the agency's work. In June 2024, NCPC will display an exhibit on its impact on the region at DC Public Library's Martin Luther King Library, whose themes will be explored in speaker events and conference sessions throughout the year.



### Centennial Kickoff

NCPC will launch its Centennial with a One Night, 100 Years: Exploring NCPC's Centennial Planning Library, a virtual event on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 moderated by the Executive Director and DC Office of Planning Director **Anita Cozart**. Several regional leaders chose a map, plan, or study from NCPC's Online Planning Library and will present about their selection and why they find it of interest. Participants include Greater Greater Washington DC Policy Director **Alex Baca**; **Ras T. Cannady II**, Real Property Management Branch Head, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command; U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Senior Urban Planner **Carlton Hart**; Brookings Metro Fellow **Tracy Hadden Loh**; DC Preservation League Executive Director **Rebecca Miller**; and Trueblood.city Principal **Andrew Trueblood**.



### Year in Review

NCPC released the 2023 Year in Review, a look back at the accomplishments of the previous year and a look ahead to upcoming activities. The mobile-friendly annual report explores how agency initiatives advanced temporary artwork on the National Mall, sustainability, equity, and innovation. The report is available at: <https://www.ncpc.gov/ar2023/>

## Personnel

### NCPC Bids Farewell to Two Staff Members



Paul Jutton

After 23 years with NCPC, **Paul Jutton** retired at the end of 2023. He leaves an indelible legacy on the last two decades of the agency's work. As the agency's graphic designer and integral member of the Office of Public Engagement, Paul made every plan, web page, newsletter, and public event engaging, appealing, and visually interesting. He developed NCPC's current logo and was the driving force behind the agency's recently launched online planning library and upcoming Centennial exhibit. Paul's colleagues value his creative and collaborative approach, his dedication to teamwork, and his affability and humor. We will miss Paul and wish him all the best!



Cana Williams

**Cana Williams** served as a Management and Program Analyst for the Office of Administration team since January 3, 2016. Her exceptional administrative and facilities management skills played a vital role in the agency's daily operational success. She played a crucial role in NCPC's office renovation, preparation for the government-wide paperless initiative and records management, and outfitting our office space with new furniture. As Cana moves on to new opportunities with National Institutes of Health, we want to express our gratitude for her hard work, professionalism, and integrity. Good luck in your new position!