

Report of the Executive Director



Fort Davis recreation center and playground (4)



East Potomac Park swimming pool (5)



320 Florida Avenue, NE (10)

During the past month, the Executive Director approved ten projects under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for temporary improvements to the White House complex perimeter fence (East and West Executive Avenues). (7668)
2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for a salt shed at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, 3700 North Capitol Street, NW. (7683)
3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for covered walkways and a bus shelter at the Naval Support Activity-Bethesda, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. (7689)
4. Preliminary and final building plans for renovation of the Fort Davis recreation center and playground, 1400 41st Street, SE. (7690)
5. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the East Potomac Park swimming pool and pool house, 972 Ohio Drive, SW. (7686)
6. Finds that plans for the closing of a portion of a public street in Square 5603, Ridge Place and 13th Street, SE are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7692)
7. Finds that plans for the closing of public streets adjacent to Parcels 251/55, 251/56, 252/32, 252/36, 252/62, 252/64, 259/1, 252/5, 259/11, 259/14, and 259/16, Chesapeake Street and Magazine Road, SW, west of Overlook Avenue, SW and Keel Road, SW are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7688)
8. Finds that plans for a modification of a Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 499, Lots 855, 856, 857, 858, and 859, 1100 6th Street, SW are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 05-38B)
9. Finds that plans for a first Stage Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment (Brookland Manor), Rhode Island Avenue and Montana Avenue, NE are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-18)
10. Finds that plans for a Level 2 Development - Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 3587, Lot 4, 320 Florida Avenue, NE are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 15-01)

PLANNING UPDATES



SW Ecodistrict

From June 9 to 11 Senior Urban Planner **Diane Sullivan**, Urban Planner **Meghan Spigle**, and District of Columbia representatives joined the EcoDistricts organization and other ecodistrict representatives from around the country for a workshop in Atlanta. Each team discussed strategies to form governance entities and develop plans to move their ecodistricts toward implementation. With the impending relocation of the International Spy Museum to 10th Street, SW and current development at The Wharf, area property owners are interested in developing near and long-term investments to move NCPC's programmatic concept for 10th Street toward implementation.

The National Park Service (NPS) initiated the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the interim staircase at Banneker Park. Public scoping for the project will occur this summer and NPS plans on releasing a draft EA in early fall.

NCPC staff recently commented on the Section 106 process for the General Services Administration's (GSA) proposed property exchange of the Cotton Annex Building and their Regional Office Building for construction services. GSA plans to issue an RFP for these two sites this summer.

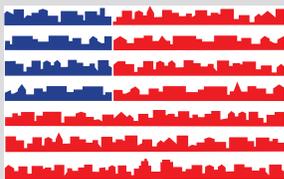


Jacquelyn Martin

Executive Order 13693: Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade

Executive Order 13693: *Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade*, issued by President Obama this past March, replaces Executive Order 13514: *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance*. The new EO's guidelines will cut federal greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent over the next decade, saving taxpayers up to \$18 billion in energy costs. In addition, the share of electricity the federal government consumes from renewable sources will increase by 30 percent. As with EO 13514, federal agencies must set greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, develop annual sustainability plans, and update their Climate Adaptation plans. NCPC submitted its 2015 Sustainability Plan on June 30.

The Urban Design Element
is open for public comment
through July 9, 2015



Comprehensive Plan

The public comment period for the draft federal Urban Design Element runs through July 9, 2015. Staff will present the Urban Design Element to the Commission in September for final approval. NCPC staff plans to bring the full plan, except for the Parks & Open Space Element, to the Commission in October to request release for a 60-day comment period.



Small Parks Study

NCPC and the National Park Service are conducting a Small Parks Management Study for approximately 300 NPS sites within Washington, DC. The Small Parks Study will evaluate the inventory of parcels under NPS ownership; determine each site's purpose and significance, fundamental cultural and natural resources, and appropriate uses; create a Cultural Landscape Inventory; develop a menu of management mechanisms and partnership opportunities; and define next steps for implementing the study's recommendations. Other goals include developing a strategy for better managing the sites, furthering coordination with District agencies, and improving conditions. It will inform the update to the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*, which identifies candidate sites for new memorials and museums. The plan complements the *CapitalSpace Plan*, completed by NCPC, NPS, and the District in 2010, and builds upon other previous planning efforts.

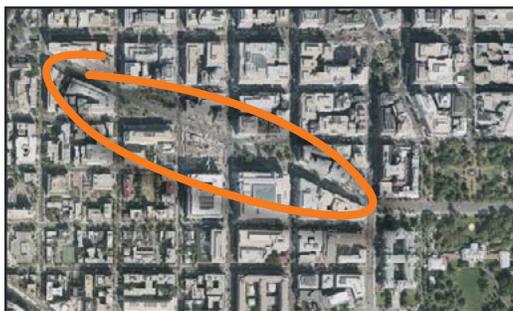


Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

NCPC, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Avenue Executive Committee, is procuring consultant services for a market study and an urban design exercise to help inform the framework for potentially updating the *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan*. The Committee is also working to address near-term improvements to streamline maintenance and building and commercial use permitting along the Avenue.

Global Cities Team Challenge PA2040

The Global City Teams Challenge is a National Institute of Standards and Technology initiative to advance deployment of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies within a smart city/smart community environment. On June 1 NCPC, the District government, and the Golden Triangle BID launched the Pennsylvania Avenue 2040 (PA 2040) pilot project, using the Golden Triangle BID's Pennsylvania Avenue West of the White House Streetscape Improvement Project as a starting point. To enhance the visitor experience, the team focused on developing IoT technologies like smart LED lighting, digital storytelling, proximity lighting, and other sensor connected devices. This technology will become common in tomorrow's District, helping government deliver better services and enhance the public's urban experience.



Pennsylvania Avenue West of the White House

Architect **Ken Walton** presented the PA 2040 Team's Smart Street concept to an international panel on Smart Cities at the Embassy of the Netherlands during the visit of King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima as a part of the Global Cities Challenge Expo and Symposium.



FBI Consolidation Project

On June 16 GSA held its first Section 106 consulting party meeting for the FBI consolidation project with consulting parties from Washington, Virginia, and Maryland. The meeting's focus was to provide an overview of the proposed Exchange for Services transaction, discuss the unique regulatory processes associated with this complex project, and relay their intent to develop a Programmatic Agreement that will address potential effects of the project.



MLK Library Section 108 Meeting July 14

NCPC will be hold a Section 106 meeting on July 14 at 1:30 pm regarding renovation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. At the meeting consulting parties will be updated on design development for the project and learn about the library's preferred alternative. The meeting will be held in the MLK Library.

DC Sign Regulations

NCPC staff is reviewing the District of Columbia's Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Sign Regulations. The proposed new title would update and consolidate the District's current sign regulations into a single title, removing the bulk of these provisions from the Building Code and scattered sections of the Municipal Regulations. It would also clarify provisions relating to approval of special signs and billboards; amend the current rules to respond to issues raised by the Federal Highway Administration; create new Designated Entertainment Areas open to the display of new signs; clarify existing regulations as they relate to signs on public space, private property, and specific areas of the District; establish a means for enforcement; and establish a permit application fee schedule. NCPC staff will submit advisory comments to DDOT before the July 13 deadline.



DC Zoning Rewrite Out for Public Comment

The notice of proposed rulemaking for the District's Zoning Regulations Review (ZRR) was published in the DC Register on May 28 with a 120-day public comment period. The case was referred to NCPC and staff will present the new regulations, and their findings to the Commission at the September 3 meeting.



Circulator Opens National Mall Route

The Circulator's National Mall Route began service in June. The new route offers 15 stops from Union Station to the Lincoln Memorial, including several on the National Mall.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Federal Planning Agencies Discuss Public Engagement

On June 9, executive directors and their public engagement teams from NCPC, Ottawa's National Capital Commission, and Canberra's National Capital Authority met via video conference to discuss best practices in public engagement and social media. This was the first of a series of video-conferences on different topics.



NCPC Participates on an Engineering Panel

Policy and Research Division Director **Mike Sherman** participated on a panel at a joint conference/workshop of the Society of American Military Engineers DC Post and the American Council of Engineering Companies Metro Washington, June 17 at The Army and Navy Club. Mike, a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, discussed NCPC's role and current agency initiatives.



Tour Highlights Sustainability and Climate Adaptation Efforts

On June 10 Urban Planner **Nick Bonard** and Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl** led a climate adaptation walking tour for a group of visitors from the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program. The tour featured stops at the SW Ecodistrict, 17th Street Levee, and Constitution Avenue (where the 2006 Federal Triangle flood occurred). The tour was used to explain the city’s vulnerabilities to flooding as well as showcase NCPC’s sustainability work.



Jeffrey Shumaker

NYC Planner Meets with Staff

On June 5 **Jeffrey Shumaker**, chief urban designer for the NYC Department of City Planning, gave a short overview of some of his work and projects in NYC to NCPC staff.



Vince Michael

Global Heritage Fund Board Member Visits NCPC

On June 11 **Vince Michael**, senior director on the Global Heritage Fund’s Board of Trustees, spoke to NCPC staff about the organization’s role, their work across the world, and what defines a global heritage site.



Charles Birnbaum

Modernist Landscapes Features in Discussion

Charles Birnbaum, founder and president of the Cultural Landscape Foundation, spoke to NCPC staff on July 1 about the importance of modernist landscapes, including Pennsylvania Avenue and its park spaces.

PERSONNEL

Army Reserves to Promote NCPC Exec

Policy and Research Division Director **Mike Sherman** will be promoted to the rank of colonel with the United States Army Reserves. We thank Mike for his distinguished service to our country.



LTC(P) Mike Sherman

UC-Davis Student Joins NCPC for Summer Internship

NCPC welcomes intern **Artisha Naidu** to the Policy and Research Division team. Artisha is studying community and regional development with an emphasis in policy and planning at the University of California-Davis.



Artisha Naidu