



Department of Transportation  
Headquarters (1.)



Old Post Office Signage Replacement  
(2.)



Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling LEARN  
Charter School (3.)



Defense Intelligence Agency  
Headquarters (4.)



## 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 U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters Antenna Upgrade, 1201 4th Street, SE. (8373)
2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Old Post Office Signage Replacement, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8374)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling LEARN Charter School Temporary Trailers, 100 Duncan Avenue, SW. (8308)
4. Final site development plans for the Defense Intelligence Agency Headquarters North Entrance Revitalization Project, 200 MacDill Boulevard, SW. (8362)
5. Preliminary and final site development plans for the U.S. Coast Guard Hangar 14 Renovation, Camp Springs, Maryland. (8375)
6. Preliminary site and building plans for the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Building 248 Renovation, Fort Myer, Virginia. (8377)
7. Preliminary site and building plans for the Response Robotics Research Test Facility Building 209, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland. (8380)
8. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Subtitles G, H, and I, Permit Matter-of-Right Residential Use. (ZC 22-01)

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. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Installation Test Monitoring Wells at Washington Gas Chillum Site, 2130 Chillum Road, Hyattsville, Maryland. (8372)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Revitalization of the Historic Core - Telecom Hub Relocation, Jefferson Drive, SW from the Castle to the Ripley Garden. (8376)
3. Preliminary site and building plans for the Army Family Housing Renovation Program in Quarters 23, 24, 25, and 26, Fort Myer, Virginia. (8378)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Street Dedication and Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2873 - S.O. 22-03181, 2200 9th Street, NW. (8381)
5. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2319 - S.O. 22-02364. (8385)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Medici Road Map Amendment. (ZC 21-21)

## Planning Updates

### Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

The Interagency Working Group met in June to discuss the District's Smart Street Lighting Project with the District Department of Transportation and streetscape element color with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office. The Interagency Working Group also reviewed public comments on the *Draft Vertical and Surface Element Guidelines* to inform the *Final Vertical and Surface Element Guidelines*, which NCPC staff anticipate submitting to the Commission for review this fall/winter. NCPC staff commenced an inventory of small-scale elements in the monumental core to support the development of *Small-Scale Element Guidelines*.



## Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

In June, NCPC staff enjoyed sharing the draft vision and concepts with the public at the District's Open Streets Event on 7th Street, NW and the Capital Pride Festival. The Executive Director, Office of Planning Interim Director **Anita Cozart**, and former Federal City Council CEO **Ken Sparks** engaged in a panel discussion on the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, hosted by former DC Mayor **Tony Williams**, at the Federal City Council's District Strong program. The Executive Director and Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** briefed the Downtown DC BID, and staff briefed Johns Hopkins University representatives, private property owners, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee, and the George Washington chapter of Lambda Alpha International.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative's 120-day public comment period will close on July 13 and people are encouraged to share their thoughts. Information on how to submit comments is provided on NCPC's website. Public and stakeholder input on the vision and concepts will inform future concept development. Recordings of the presentations and more information are available online.



Gateway Park, Rosslyn

## Regional Plans

Staff reviewed and provided comments on Arlington County's proposed FY 23-32 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP includes investments in stormwater infrastructure maintenance and water quality in lands adjacent to Capper-Cramton lands including along the Four Mile Run trail. Approximately \$1.8 billion in investment is proposed for transportation infrastructure and maintenance including the Ballston-MU Metrorail Station west entrance and funding to support the Columbia Pike Complete Streets projects. The CIP also provides proposed funding for 13 new park master plans including areas surrounding the Arlington Boathouse, Crystal City Park, and Gateway Park in Rosslyn.

## Public Engagement

### Blog: The 35th Anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Quilt

In 1987, the AIDS Memorial Quilt was first stitched together on more the 1,900 panels and displayed on the National Mall to honor the lives lost to AIDS. For its 35th anniversary this year, and in celebration of Pride Month, the AIDS Memorial Quilt was exhibited at the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, CA on June 11-12, 2022, in the largest display of its history featuring 3,000 Quilt panels, marking over 700,000 lives lost in the U.S. to AIDS since the first panels were made. In a recent blog post, Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** highlighted how the AIDS Memorial Quilt is a model for temporary commemoration and participatory public art. This living memorial adds new information and content over time, with stories physically shared all over the country and digitally, which increases access to learning about the history presented in the Quilt. Read it here: <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/item/179/1/>.



### 2022 Commuter Connections Award

NCPC received the 2022 Employer Services Organization Achievement Award from MWCOG's Commuter Connections for the work updating the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital's Transportation Element*, and the impact it has on shaping federal (and regional) transportation choices. Urban Planner **Michael Weil** accepted the 2022 Commuter Connections Award on June 28 on behalf of NCPC.





### Neighborhood Design Center Award

Urban Planner **Brittney Drakeford** was recently awarded the Neighborhood Design Center's 2022 Kelley Oklesson Community Advocate of the Year Award. This award highlights Ms. Drakeford's role as a visionary, expert in the field, and conduit between the aspirations of the community and the resources of supporting partners. Her involvement will have a lasting positive impact on the future of historically underserved communities. Congratulations, Brittney!

### Docomomo Conference



In early June, NCPC Urban Planner **Lee Webb** presented at DOCOMOMO's annual conference in Philadelphia, entitled "Yo! Modernism: The View from Philadelphia." In his presentation "Adapting Modernist Landscapes: Lessons from Washington, DC" he shared challenges faced in adapting modernist landscapes to meet current needs and mission goals. The presentation discussed the Commission's review of the modernist icon, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, and how that led to internal discussions about reviewing modernist resources. Lee also shared how NCPC staff developed an evaluation framework with the Adapting Landscapes Work Sheet and how NCPC staff applied the evaluation tool in reviewing projects involving two modernist landscapes: the National World War I Memorial at Pershing Park and the Hirshhorn Museum Sculpture Garden's Rehabilitation. Attendees heard how NCPC worked with the applicants to develop compromise solutions and creative approaches for these complex projects.



### NCPC Hosts Canadian Visitors

National Capital Commission Chief Executive Officer **Tobi Nussbaum** and Vice-President of Capital Planning **Alain Miguelez** visited Washington June 15-17 to learn about NCPC's and other planning efforts going on in America's capital. They met with the Executive Director and NCPC staff members to walk around the city and discuss topics including public space, security, and access; the Beyond Granite initiative and commemoration; the SW Ecodistrict and waterfront development; federal architecture; modernist landscapes; and the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative. They also met with representatives from the District Office of Planning and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

## Personnel

### NCPC Welcomes New Director of Administration



The new Office of Administration Director **Tamara Lewis** joined NCPC from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, and has held positions as an administrative/budget officer and senior budget analyst. Tamara managed an operating budget of \$42M. As a fellow in the *Excellence in Government Program*, she was detailed to the National Weather Service's Facilities Division as a portfolio manager. She has also served in human resource positions at Department of Defense agencies. Tamara has a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University and a master's degree in social work from Howard University. She is pursuing a second master's degree in project management at Georgetown University.