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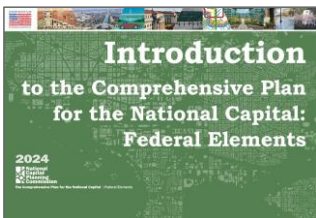
Veterans Administration (2.)



National Institutes of Health (5.)



Clara Barton National Historic Site (6.)



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. Final site and building plans for the U.S. Naval Observatory Booths, Gates, and Parking. (8542)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Veterans Administration Building Antenna Updates, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW. (8559)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the Orville Wright Building Antenna Installation, 800 Independence Avenue, SW. (8556)
4. Preliminary and final building plans for the U.S. Department of Education Building Photovoltaic Array Modernization, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. (8561)
5. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the NIH Building 11 Central Utility Plant Addition, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8558)
6. Preliminary site and building plans for the Clara Barton National Historic Site Rehabilitation, 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo, Maryland. (8562)
7. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the James J Rowley Training Center Troysgate Project, 9200 Powder Mill Road, Laurel, Maryland. (8565)
8. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Marine Corps Base Quantico Maintenance Support Facility, 2006 Hawkins Avenue, Quantico, Virginia. (8555)
9. Preliminary and final building plans for the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Antenna Installation, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Fort Myer, Virginia. (8569)

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 NIH National Library of Medicine Front Lobby Wheelchair Access, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8560)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Naval Support Activity Bethesda Building 39 Fire Alarm Antenna, Bethesda, Maryland. (8563)

Planning Updates

Comp Plan Introduction Chapter Updates

On June 6, 2024, the Commission adopted updates to the Comprehensive Plan for the *National Capital: Federal Elements Introduction Chapter*, which addresses critical planning challenges and current agency initiatives, including equity, climate change, and resiliency. The updates will go into effect on August 12, 2024. NCPC staff continues to do public outreach around the Comprehensive Plan. Kudos to Urban Planners **Brittney Drakeford**, **Chrishaun Smith**, and **Melissa Lindsjo**, who led NCPC's efforts, and the entire Policy & Research Division staff for their support. For more information on the Introduction Chapter please visit: <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/intro/>



Pennsylvania Avenue

In June, HR&A's implementation team continued to meet with event related stakeholders to develop a preliminary program of requirements. Their initial findings will inform the public space master plan and concept design work of the second consultant team, which NCPC will select later this year. Kicking off summertime celebrations, the Avenue hosted four fun weekend events, including the Fiesta Asia Street Fair, Capital Pride Parade and Festival, Taste of the DMV, and the 32nd Annual Giant Barbeque Battle. For weekday summer fun, the U.S. Navy Memorial hosts their Concerts on the Avenue and Movies on the Memorial series every Tuesday and Thursday night.



Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

NCPC continues collaborating with the Federal Highway Administration – Eastern Lands Division and the Interagency Working Group to update the Monumental Core Streetscape Construction Manual. The new manual will improve landscape performance and sustainable practices in the monumental core. For example, the manual provides details and specifications for green infrastructure to improve stormwater management; soil, tree, and native understory plantings for healthier landscapes; permeable and heat reflective pavements to reduce heat islands; and electric vehicle charging stations in the appropriate locations to promote renewable energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.



Little Falls Parkway Improvements Project

NCPC, in coordination with Montgomery Parks, is holding a 30-day public comment period for the Little Falls Parkway Improvements Project Environmental Assessment (EA) through July 18, 2024. Montgomery Parks, an agency of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission proposes to implement Vision Zero safety improvements listed along Little Falls Parkway from Dorset Avenue and Arlington Road. The EA evaluates potential impacts from the proposed project. The project was reviewed and approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council. The project is anticipated to be reviewed by NCPC at the September 2024 Commission meeting. Comments may be submitted online or via mail at <https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/notices/MP046/>.



DMVMoves

The Executive Director was invited to serve on the DMVMoves Community Partners Advisory Group. DMVMoves is a regional transportation initiative co-sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) to develop a regional vision for transit and a path forward for funding and delivering a world-class system. The advisory group will meet monthly to support a joint intergovernmental task force of WMATA, MWCOC, and local government leaders, with a final transit plan with funding and oversight completed by June 2025.



Public Outreach

Re-envisioning the Federal City

On July 10, the Executive Director and staff participated in the U.S. Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB), "Re-envisioning the Federal City" stakeholder event to discuss the opportunities available to re-shape the federal real property portfolio in Washington, DC. On July 11, the PBRB hosted a public meeting covering highlights from the July 10 event in addition to the board's work and recommendations to Congress on how to create a more efficient and effective federal real property portfolio.



Chair Goodmann



NCPC Celebrates Centennial Exhibit Launch

June 6 marked NCPC's Centennial, and more than 150 people joined agency staff at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library to help launch the exhibit, *Planning Washington: Capital and Community*, developed in partnership with the DC Public Library (DCPL). **Chair Teri Goodmann** spoke to the continuing impact of the agency's work and highlighted a letter from President Biden celebrating NCPC's Centennial. This was followed by a panel discussion kicked off with opening remarks from **Linnea Hegarty**, Director of Events, Exhibitions, and Development, DCPL. The panelists included **Uwe Brandes**, Georgetown University; **Don Edwards**, Justice and Sustainability Associates; and **Zach Schrag**, George Mason University who discussed how people and plans have shaped the capital city, past successes and inequitable outcomes, and future challenges and opportunities. Attendees explored the exhibit, reunited with colleagues and friends, made new connections, and enjoyed celebratory cupcakes! Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** provided an overview of the Centennial exhibit to the Guild of Professional Tour Guides on July 9. The companion digital exhibit is available online:

<https://centennial.ncpc.gov/exhibit.html>

Youth Outreach on City Planning

On June 12, 2024, Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** presented and engaged with pre-kindergarten students at Estrellitas Montessori School in Washington, DC sharing details about her career. Students read books about city planning and Geographic Information Systems, planned a mini city with blocks, drew their walking routes around the school, and mapped their own neighborhood.

Personnel

NCPC Welcomes New General Counsel

Meghan Hottel-Cox joins NCPC from the U.S. Postal Service, where she served as a real estate attorney. Prior to joining the federal government, Meghan was an attorney with Goulston & Storrs focused on zoning and permitting law. In addition to practicing law, Meghan serves as an adjunct professor at GW Law teaching Land Use Law. In 2018, Meghan co-founded Q City, a commercial real estate affinity group for LGBTQ+ professionals in the Washington metro area. In 2019, Meghan was named a "D.C. Rising Star" by the National Law Journal and received CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) DC's Emerging Leader award. Meghan frequently writes and speaks on issues of equity and inclusion in the legal and real estate communities and is a contributing author to the [Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Property Opinions](#) law book.



Meghan Hottel-Cox

Urban Planner Graduates from Leadership Institute

Congratulations to Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold** upon her completion of ULI Washington's Leadership Institute program. ULI Washington's Leadership Institute is a rigorous experiential professional development and training program that equips future land use leaders with the regional and industry insights, leadership skills, and multi-disciplinary relationships they need to help build a thriving, sustainable, and equitable Greater Washington Region. Throughout this program, participants engaged with real estate, land use, and other industry professionals from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in hands-on learning experiences designed to strengthen their leadership skills and deepen their knowledge of the region and the complex issues confronting it.



Karin Schierhold



Pathways to Inclusion

Urban Planner **Brittney Drakeford** finished her year in the Urban Land Institute Washington Pathways to Inclusion with a tour of the 11th Street Bridge Park. This year's cohort enjoyed various events, engaging dialogues, professional development, and happy hours throughout the National Capital Region.

Urban Planner Becomes Adjunct Faculty

Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** joined the Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) as an adjunct faculty member and will teach a course entitled The Symbolic City in both the fall and spring semesters. LCWS is an immersive and transformative study-away program designed to provide students with a unique opportunity to learn and intern in the nation's capital. This course will explore the history, symbolism, and politics of the National Mall, engaging with questions about national identity, public governance, and systems of civic infrastructure. For more information review the [annual report](#).



NCPC Welcomes Summer Interns

Michael Lopez is a senior at The University of Texas at Austin pursuing bachelor's degrees in Government and Humanities with minors in LGBTQ Studies and Architectural History. Having previously served as Special Assistant to Chair **Sara Bronin** of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Michael became interested in land use and preservation law as mechanisms that determine how our places and communities look and feel.



Michael Lopez, Sururah Abdulrazaq,
Justine Brandes

Sururah Abdulrazaq is an advanced master's student in the Urban Studies and Planning program at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is interning with NCPC to contribute to improving connectivity and urban livability within the nation's capital through sustainable transportation practices.

Justine Brandes is a junior at Georgetown University studying urban sustainability. Justine is passionate about creating an environmentally equitable future and feels that NCPC plays a vital role in both creating a brighter future for Washington, DC and setting a national tone for the planning of urban spaces.