



Pentagon Transit Center (1)



Rock Creek Project A (2)



Proposed Interpretive Signage, FAA (3)

## Report of the Executive Director

During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority.

1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for fences at the Pentagon Transit Center, Pentagon Reservation, Arlington, VA. (7635)
2. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for green infrastructure in Rock Creek Project A, a component of the DC Clean Rivers Project. (7786)
3. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for interpretative signage at the Federal Aviation Administration Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW. (7790)
4. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Zoning Map Amendment at Watkins Alley in Square 1043. (ZC 15-13)

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### PLANNING UPDATES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

#### Memorials for the Future Ideas Competition

The National Park Service, National Capital Planning Commission, and Van Alen Institute launched the Memorials for the Future ideas competition on April 11, 2016. The competition is exploring what a 21st century memorial might look like in Washington, DC. Eighty-nine entries were received, which the sponsors then narrowed to the top 30, which are available for review at [future.ncpc.gov](http://future.ncpc.gov). Finalists will be announced on June 8, 2016 at a program at the National Archives (below), with the winner to be announced in September. An exhibition that month will spotlight the top three entries.

On Wednesday, June 8, NCPC's Speaker Series will present *Memorials for the Future: Designing a Memorial for the 21st Century* from 7-9 pm at the National Archives. The program will feature an announcement of the finalists for the Memorials for the Future ideas competition and a panel discussion examining new forms of commemoration. **Jason Schupbach**, Director of Design Programs for the National Endowment for the Arts will moderate. He will be joined by **Janet Echelman**, Artist, Studio Echelman; **Brent Leggs**, Preservation Division Senior Field Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and **Dr. Edward Linenthal**, Professor of History and Editor, *Journal of American History*, Indiana University. More information may be found on NCPC's website, [www.ncpc.gov](http://www.ncpc.gov).



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### **FBI Headquarters Consolidation and Exchange**

On May 11, NCPC staff provided an overview of the *Pennsylvania Avenue Development Plan*, the J. Edgar Hoover Building Redevelopment Project, and the process for developing Square Guidelines, including the schedule, for the site, to the Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association. Staff will present early concepts of the Square Guideline topics and a high-level overview of building envelope guidelines to the Commission on June 2. Additionally, the General Services Administration held a Section 106 meeting on May 16 to review the second draft of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (the comment period closed on May 25). The next 106 meeting is scheduled for June 8.



### **Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative**

In May, the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative consultants met with stakeholders to review and obtain input on their initial market study findings to help inform potential near- and long-term economic strategies to improve the Avenue. The consultants will continue work on the urban design analysis that will inform project objectives moving forward. On April 27 GSA Senior Advisor **Tony Costa**, an Executive Committee member, spoke briefly about the Initiative at the Downtown Business Improvement District's State of the Downtown Breakfast. On May 12 NCPC Urban Planner **Sarah Ridgely** spoke on a panel with Councilman **Jack Evans**; Gensler Government Practice Area Leader and Principal **Bob Peck**; and Downtown BID Senior Advisor **Rich Bradley** to the Commercial Real Estate Woman's luncheon.



### **Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion**

NCPC is a cooperating agency with the U.S. Department of the Army on the Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Project Environmental Assessment (EA). This project is located in an important area overlooking the national capital that has national significance and is the final resting place of many soldiers, diplomats, and politicians who served our country with honor. Staff assisted with the preparation and hosting of the EA public scoping meeting held on April 27, 2016. The Army plans to publish the draft EA for review and public comment during the winter of 2016/2017.



### **Parks Reshaping Cities**

On May 18 NCPC staff welcomed **Ignacio Bunster-Ossa**, FASLA, Practice Leader for AECOM Landscape Architecture (Americas), who provided a presentation on *Parks that Reshape Cities*. He discussed how the relationship between parks and communities has evolved and how parks can be powerful drivers of economic investment and tourism, address environmental issues, bring cultural history to the fore, and contribute to a community's character and livability. Information shared was beneficial as NCPC continues work on the Small Parks Management Study with the National Park Service.



### **NCPC and ULI-Washington**

On May 11 and 12, Office of Public Engagement Director/Secretariat **Julia Koster** was part of an Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel that provided recommendations on revitalization strategies for the downtown area of La Plata, Maryland. On May 19 Urban Planner **Jeff Hinkle** graduated from ULI-Washington's Regional Land Use Leadership Institute. Congratulations, Jeff.

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## **PERSONNEL**



### **Dereth Bush Heads Abroad**

NCPC bids farewell to Urban Planner **Dereth Bush** who recently departed the agency to relocate overseas. During her almost four years at NCPC Dereth worked on projects including the Memorials for the Future ideas competition, the update of the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements (she was the primary author of the Urban Design Element), and NCPC's review and viewshed analysis of Arlington County's Envision Courthouse Square Plan. We wish her all the best in her new endeavors.



### **NCPC Welcomes Summer Associates**

**Clifton Iler** joined the Office of Public Engagement as a summer associate. He is pursuing a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning at Georgetown University. The Montville, Connecticut native received his undergraduate degree from American University.



NCPC welcomes back **Emily Votroubek**, who will work with the Policy and Research Division through August. Emily, an Ashburn, Virginia native, is a fourth-year student at the University of Virginia where she is majoring in Urban and Environmental Planning. Last summer she worked with NCPC's Office of Public Engagement.