



Gate 3 at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters (1)



Market Square West (2)



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. Approved final site development plans for the proposed relocation of Gate 3 at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters consolidation at St. Elizabeths West Campus, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE. (7930)
2. Approved preliminary and final building plans for rooftop improvements at Market Square West, 801 Pennsylvania Ave NW. (P7988)
3. Approved a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a Text Amendment to Subtitle B for Definitions and Rules of Measurement and Related Rules in Subtitles D, E, F, J and K. (ZC 17-18)

PLANNING UPDATES

DC Federal Triangle Area Flood Workshop

On June 6, NCPD staff participated in the DC Federal Triangle Area Flood Workshop at the University of the District of Columbia. This is the first of two workshops being convened by the DC Silver Jackets, an interagency flood risk management team, with the goal of bringing together facility managers, area planners, government agencies, and other stakeholders to learn about the interior flooding problem and discuss ways to reduce the risk of flooding in the Federal Triangle area. The second workshop will be held in September 2018.

South Mall Campus Master Plan Historic Preservation and Environmental Processes

NCPD hosted a Consulting Parties meeting on Wednesday, May 9 for the Smithsonian Institution's South Mall Campus Master Plan. At the meeting, the Smithsonian presented the draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) and solicited feedback from the consulting parties regarding the proposed language. The purpose of this PA is to ensure that the Smithsonian Institution complies with the historic preservation requirements of Section 106, and to clarify how consultation will be conducted in the future for the implementation and design of each project under the South Mall Campus Master Plan.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the South Mall Campus Master Plan was available for public review through May 21. NCPD, acting as lead federal agency, along with the Smithsonian Institution as the project owner, and in cooperation with the National Park Service, prepared the FEIS to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the South Mall Campus Master Plan. The FEIS was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. Completion of the FEIS and PA are necessary before NCPD's final review of the South Mall Campus Master Plan.



Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Executive Committee released its *Findings and Action Plan Summary* at the May Commission meeting. It synthesizes the findings from the completed *Market Study, Urban Design Analysis and Transportation Study*, and the National Park Service's *Cultural Landscape Inventory*. The summary also outlines short-, mid-, and long-term strategies to improve the Avenue.

The Executive Committee is now developing the short-term strategies that will collectively guide decision making on how to improve Pennsylvania Avenue. This will include exploring new programming ideas to draw more people to the Avenue, continuing maintenance improvements, and conducting visioning and conceptual design work to inform potential future physical changes. For more information, visit the project website at <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/pennave/>.



Monumental Core Streetscape Project

At their May meetings, both the Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts received an information presentation on NCPC's new initiative, the Monumental Core Streetscape Project. NCPC staff provided background on the 1992 Streetscape Manual, identified key issues, and outlined the project's scope of work and timeline.

National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission

On May 15, 2018, staff attended the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) hearing and provided comments concerning the design for the World War I Memorial and H.R. 5424, the proposed legislation to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument.



Parking Study Outreach

Last month, staff met with representatives from the Montgomery County Planning Department and the District of Columbia Office of Planning on the *National Capital Region Federal Parking Study: An Accessibility-Based Approach for Federal Facilities* completed by NCPC in September 2017. At these meetings, NCPC gathered feedback on the study that will help inform updates to the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element. Staff anticipates submitting a revised Transportation Element to the Commission in early 2019.



Draft Parks & Open Space Element Outreach

During the month of May, staff continued its public outreach to solicit comments and feedback on the Parks & Open Space element. Staff hosted a webinar with National Park Service Superintendents and met with staff from the Smithsonian Institution. The 60-day comment period closed on May 7, 2018. Staff are currently reviewing public comments and anticipate submitting the final Parks & Open Space Element to the Commission in the fall of 2018.

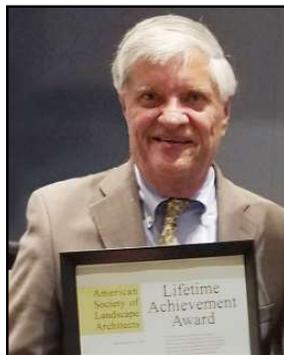
PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE



Makeover Montgomery 4

NCPC staff participated in the *Makeover Montgomery 4: Competitive, Healthy, Inclusive and Smart Communities* conference that took place May 9-11 in College Park and Silver Spring, Maryland. Urban Planner **Angela Dupont** presented the Memorials for the Future ideas competition as part

of a panel focused on integrating public and commemorative art into placemaking and planning processes. Urban Planners **Kael Anderson** and **Michael Weil** shared results from the *National Capital Region Federal Parking Study* at the Parking Data and Policy session, where they discussed how information from the study could benefit local communities. Architect-Urban Designer **Kenneth Walton** participated in the Real Time Data session that examined how governments can effectively communicate to the public through digital technologies. He discussed the Pennsylvania Avenue 2040 initiative. The Montgomery County Planning Department and National Center for Smart Growth hosted the conference.



Former Commissioner Wins ASLA Potomac Chapter Award

On May 3, the American Society of Landscape Architects, Potomac Chapter presented former Commissioner **John Parsons** with its lifetime Achievement Award for his “efforts to create eight major new parks, establish 25 national memorials and acquire 35,000 acres, which doubled the size of parks in the Nation’s Capital.” He served for many years as the Department of the Interior’s representative on the Commission, including serving as Acting Chairman for four months in 1995. He had a 40-year career with the National Park Service.



NCPC’s Latest Blogs: Banneker Park Connection and DC United Stadium Construction Watch

NCPC’s most recent two blogs examined projects reviewed by the Commission in 2017. The first looks at the history and planning behind the soon to be finished connection between Banneker Park and the Southwest Waterfront. The second is NCPC’s first Construction Watch blog, a shorter-format piece that examines the status of a recently reviewed Commission project. All blogs are available at www.ncpc.gov/news/.

NCPC Hosts Delegation from the Republic of the Philippines

On May 4, Senior Urban Planners **Matt Flis** and **Sarah Ridgely** met with a delegation from the Philippines’ Infrastructure Improvement Initiative. Organized through the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, the delegation also visited Baltimore, Jacksonville, Detroit, Chicago, and San Francisco to learn more about comprehensive planning and public-private partnerships.



PERSONNEL

NCPC Welcomes New Summer Interns

On May 14, **Dana Marks** began a summer cross-divisional internship with the Office of Public Engagement and the Physical Planning Division. She is pursuing a graduate degree in in Historic Preservation through Clemson University and the College of Charleston. Her work at NCPC will include a focus on outreach materials and the Monumental Core Streetscape Project.

On the same day, **Jeannie Bellina** also began an internship with the Physical Planning Division. She is a graduate student at The George Washington University where she is pursuing a degree in Sustainable Urban Planning. She holds a Master of Business Administration from Winthrop University. Jeannie will focus her efforts on developing and evaluating public programming strategies for the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative.

On May 29 **Talya Guenzburger** joined the Policy and Research Division. She is a rising junior at Brandeis University majoring in Sociology. She will work on commemoration issues and assist with research on the Comprehensive Plan.

