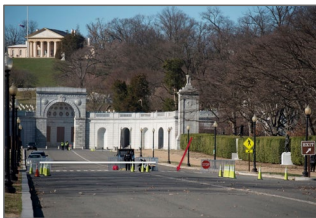




Robert F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Flood Barrier (1)



Arlington National Cemetery Crosswalk  
Relocation (2)



Chevy Chase Circle Fountain (3)



Transportation Element



Pennsylvania Avenue

# 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 site development plans for the U.S. Department of Justice Robert F. Kennedy Federal Building Flood Barrier, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8171)
2. Preliminary site development plans for the Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Avenue Pedestrian Crosswalk Relocation, 1 Memorial Avenue, Arlington, Virginia. (8174)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Chevy Chase Circle Fountain Lighting, Chevy Chase Circle, NW. (8162)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5860 - S.O. 16 - 27269, 740-744 Howard Road, SE. (7841)
5. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to the Preferred Uses for the Capitol Gateway Zone. (ZC 20-04)
6. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment Regarding Eating and Drinking Establishments in Arts Zones. (ZC 20-05)
7. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment for Six-Month Extension of Board of Zoning Adjustment and Zoning Commission Orders. (ZC 20-07)

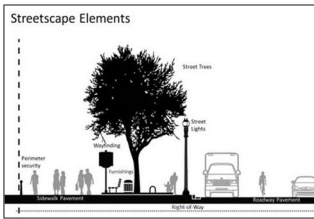
## Planning Updates

### Comprehensive Plan: Transportation and Federal Workplace Elements

Staff continues to work with federal and District agencies to refine policies in the draft Transportation and Federal Workplace Elements. Over the past 60 days, staff conducted outreach to key agencies and stakeholders to discuss Transportation Monitoring Plans and revised parking ratios proposed in the Transportation Element. Staff anticipates submitting the Transportation Element to the Commission for adoption in July and the Federal Workplace Element in the fall.

### Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

Initiative partners are working to identify potential Avenue improvements and are considering recommendations for how the Avenue could serve as a future location for periodic nationally significant cultural celebrations. An advisor to the Executive Committee is engaging with potential partners to develop long-range programming recommendations for an operational framework and planning approach to further this effort. Post COVID, the Executive Committee looks forward to discussing these recommendations and opportunities with stakeholders.



Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

## Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

On Friday, May 29 the Interagency Working Group met to review draft street tree guidelines that address tree canopy, form, planting patterns, and sensory attributes. These features contribute to community identity, add beauty and shade, strengthen important views, and add economic value. The health and function of trees contributes to the city's 40 percent tree canopy coverage goal; provide habitat for typical wildlife, reduce water, air, and noise pollution; produce oxygen; and absorb greenhouse gases. Over the summer, the working group will begin considering streetscape stormwater management guidelines.



Prince William County

## Draft Prince William County Innovation Park Small Area Plan

Staff reviewed and provided comments on the draft Prince William Innovation Park Small Area Plan. The plan proposes a mobility strategy which anticipates improved access to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington Field Office which is located within the Innovation Park area. The small area plan also encompasses multiple watersheds, including areas designated as Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplains and Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area zones.



Wetlands and Floodplains

## Draft Wetland and Floodplain Regulations

On Friday, May 15, 2020 **Jennifer Dietzen**, Environmental Protection Specialist at District Department of Energy & Environment and **Nicholas Bonard**, Branch Chief, Water Resources Protection & Mitigation Regulatory Review Division shared the District of Columbia's draft guidelines for new wetland and floodplain regulations. They reviewed the wetland regulatory review process, restoration, flood maps, and guidelines for the permitting and review process. Over twenty staff from NCPC and the National Park Service attended this online meeting.



Tidal Basin

## Tidal Basin Idea Lab

The Tidal Basin is increasingly threatened by land instability, daily flooding, and crumbling infrastructure. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Trust for the National Mall, in partnership with the National Park Service, invited five landscape architecture firms to participate in an Ideas Lab. Their charge was to solve the Tidal Basin's complex problems by reimagining its future with innovative and forward-thinking solutions. On February 13, the firms convened in Washington, DC to present preliminary ideas to an advisory panel (which includes **Beth Miller**, Director, Physical Planning Division). They reconvened virtually on May 27 to present their bold and innovative solutions that consider the importance of the cultural landscape and draw upon historical and projected environmental conditions to explore a wide range of interventions. A curated virtual exhibit of the Ideas Lab outcomes will be launched this fall.

## Public Outreach

### Executive Director Featured in Leadership Insights Column

In May, the Urban Land Institute Washington published a piece by the Executive Director in its Leadership Insights Column. The story focused on how the coronavirus impacted NCPC's Commission meetings and how the agency used technology and changed some of the Commission's procedures to adapt. The story can be read on the [ULI Website](#).

