



Hubert H. Humphrey Building (1.)



Lafayette Building (2.)



James V. Forrestal Building (3.)



GSA Headquarters Building (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 Hubert H. Humphrey Building Antenna Upgrades, 200 Independence Avenue, SW. (8547)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Lafayette Building Antenna Upgrades, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW. (8548)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the James V. Forrestal Building Antenna Upgrades, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW. (8549)
4. Preliminary and final building plans for the GSA Headquarters Building Antenna Upgrades, 1800 F Street, NW. (8550)
5. Preliminary and final building plans for the National Capital Parks Headquarters Building Antenna Installation, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW. (8551)

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 C&O Canal Temporary Dry Dock Access Ramp, 1060 31st Street, NW. (8553)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Sligo Creek Forest Glen Area Trail and Traffic Calming Improvements, Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park, Wheaton, Maryland. (8544)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Wheaton Regional Park Trail Extensions and Traffic Calming Improvements, Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton, Maryland. (8545)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park Trail and Traffic Calming Improvements, Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park, Wheaton, Maryland. (8546)
5. Preliminary and final site development plans for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Picnic Pavilion, 7500 Geoint Drive, Springfield, Virginia. (8554)

## Planning Updates

### Pennsylvania Avenue

The first consultant team, led by HR&A, continues to work on the Implementation Program's discovery phase while procurement for the second consultant team, responsible for developing the Master Plan Concept Design, is underway. On the Avenue, visual artist **Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg** brought the participatory exhibit "Alienable Right to Life" to Freedom Plaza from May 10 – 20. This artwork, which commemorated victims of gun violence, is also an example of temporary commemoration similar to last year's Beyond Granite.

### Beyond Granite Report

At the end of May, the Key Findings report for the *Beyond Granite* pilot program was publically released, in collaboration with the Trust for the National Mall and the National Park Service. **Dr. Elizabeth Morton** was the evaluator for the project and author of the report. The report is available [online](#).



### Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

In May, the Monumental Core Interagency Working Group convened to discuss next steps for the Monumental Core Streetscape Design Guidelines as well as the finalization of the LED Streetlight Performance Criteria and the Construction Manual. NCPC staff continues collaborating with the District Department of Transportation and the DC Office of Planning on the District Companion Streetscape Review Guide.



### NCPC Provides Feedback on the BID Resiliency Act of 2024

Staff provided comments to the Council of the District of Columbia Committee on Business and Economic Development on the Business Improvement District Resiliency Act of 2024. The act would authorize the BID Council to enter into a master license agreement with a third-party provider to install interactive wayfinding kiosks in commercial areas served by business improvement districts. Staff's primary comments were related to the siting, placement, and design of the new kiosks and the potential impacts on the federal interests.



### Joint Base Meyer-Henderson Hall

On May 28, the Executive Director and NCPC staff met with Major General Bredenkamp, Commanding General of the Military District of Washington and other Department of the Army staff at Joint Base Meyer-Henderson Hall for a discussion on the installation's future master plan and upcoming projects. The group also toured the caisson and equine care area of the installation, Patton Hall, and some of the pre-war housing. Staff will continue coordination with the Department of the Army for all of these projects.



### American Institute for Architects Conference

On June 5, the Executive Director participated in a panel discussion titled, "How design of the Frederick Douglass Bridge achieved multi-layered community goals" at the 2024 American Institute for Architects Conference in Washington, DC. Other panelists included **Ryan Horner**, Managing Principal – AECOM, **Anita Cozart**, Director of the District of Columbia Office of Planning, and **Emeka Moneme**, President of the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District. Mr. Acosta emphasized federal development initiatives at the Southeast Federal Center and the Navy Yard, as well as NCPC's early planning work that led up to the successful design and construction of the bridge, including the 1997 Legacy Plan; the Memorials and Museums Master Plan; and the numerous studies centered on the South Capitol Street corridor such as the South Capitol Street Task Force Urban Design Framework.



## Public Outreach

### NCPC Centennial Exhibit Launch and Panel Discussion

On Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library NCPC will launch its Centennial exhibit Planning Washington: Capital and Community. From 6:00-7:00 pm a probing panel will discuss NCPC's role in shaping Washington and how the lessons of the past can inform planning for a resilient and equitable region. Panelists include **Uwe Brandes**, Professor of the Practice, Faculty Director, Urban & Regional Planning Program and Georgetown Global Cities Initiative, Georgetown University; **Don Edwards**, Co-Founder and Chair of the Board, Justice and Sustainability Associates; **Zachary M. Schrag**, Professor of History, George Mason University; and **Denise Liebowitz** (moderator), Former Director, Office of Public Affairs, NCPC. RSVPs can be made at <https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/10777311>.



### Urban Land Institute UrbanPlan Program

For two weeks at the end of May, the Urban Land Institute led an UrbanPlan program with the AP Government class at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. The Executive Director and Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** volunteered to mentor, facilitate, and engage the young students to experience the complex nature of land-use decisions through a realistic exercise. This introduces youth to the planning profession and encourages them to take an active role as citizens to create better communities.

### APA Federal Planning Division Training Workshop in Washington

NCPC, in partnership with the American Planning Association's Federal Planning Division (APA FPD), welcomed almost 600 federal planners from across the country to Washington May 13-16 for APA FPD's annual workshop which helped celebrate NCPC's Centennial. On May 13 the executive director welcomed attendees at an opening reception held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, where they got a sneak-peek at NCPC's Centennial exhibit. **Sara C. Bronin**, Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation was the opening plenary speaker. The closing panel discussed the impact of federal planning on local jurisdictions. **Norman Dong**, FC Stonewater Partner moderated the discussion that included U.S. General Services Administration Public Buildings Service Commissioner **Elliot Doomes**; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Executive Director **Clark Mercer**; Washington Headquarters Services Senior Advisor, Infrastructure and Resiliency (NCPC Commissioner) **Paul McMahon**; and DC Office of Planning Director (NCPC Commissioner) **Anita Cozart**.



Opening Reception



NCPC staff organized sessions on 100 Years of Planning America's Capital, Pennsylvania Avenue, Embedding Equity in Federal Planning, and Scenario Planning for the Future of the Federal Workplace. They also led eight mobile tours including Union Station/U.S. Capitol Grounds, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington Navy Yard, Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, Franklin Park, the National Mall, Federal Triangle/Tidal Basin Flooding, and the Kennedy Center. Kudos to Urban Design and Plan Review Division Director **Diane Sullivan** and Urban Planner **Jamie Herr**, who led NCPC's efforts, and the entire NCPC staff.