



Francis Field (1.)



(1.) Prettyman Courthouse



(4.) FDA White Oak

## Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Chair took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority.

1. Transfer of Jurisdiction for a Portion of Reservation 360 at Francis Field, 2435 N Street NW. (8660)

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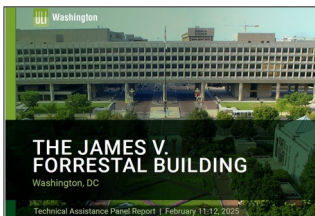
1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse Security Barrier Replacement, 333 Constitution Avenue, NW. (8659)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the EPA West T-Mobile Antenna Replacement and Renewal, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW. (8236)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the Fort McNair Roosevelt Hall Antenna, 300 D Street, SW. (8664)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for the FDA White Oak Building 1 Security Barriers, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, White Oak, Maryland. (8663)

During the past month, NCPD 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 site and building plans for the New Metropolitan Police Department Seventh District Headquarters and Parking Structure, 2455 Alabama Avenue. SE. (8662)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment from MU-3A to MU-7B at Square 5094, Lot 0104, 4301 Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE. (ZC 24-13)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the National Agricultural Library Building Envelope Repair and Window Replacement, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (8657)

## Planning Updates

### ULI Washington Forrester Building Technical Assistance Panel and Report



In February 2025, NCPD, in partnership with the Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB), sponsored a two-day Urban Land Institute Washington (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) to examine the potential for the James V. Forrester Building to perform as a catalyst for the consolidation of the federal footprint in Washington, DC. The panel recommended a roadmap to guide the disposition and redevelopment process of federal assets in Southwest Washington and concluded that redevelopment of the Forrester Building, the current U.S. Department of Energy headquarters, would create a gateway from the National Mall to the Southwest Waterfront and unlock redevelopment opportunities along the 10th Street, SW corridor.

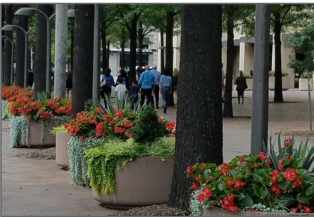
The TAP's work supported both PBRB's efforts to identify federal assets for disposal by exploring the feasibility and impact of a potentially catalytic site within the National Capital Region and NCPD's efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Workplace Element policies that address federal footprint changes in Washington. TAP members included Chair **Norman Dong**, Partner, FD Stonewater; **Yolanda Cole**, Senior Principal, Hickok Cole; **Katie Cristol**, Chief Executive Officer, Tysons Community Alliance; **Vicki Davis**, Managing Partner, Urban Atlantic; **Ellen McCarthy**, Principal, The Urban Partnership; **Kirk Mettam**, Senior Vice President, TYLin; **Joshua Olsen**, Senior Vice President for Acquisitions, Monument Realty; and **Gerry Widdicombe**, Chief Financial Officer, DowntownDC BID. [The report is available online.](#)



### ULI Washington Forrestral Building Technical Assistance Panel Forum

On May 22, ULI Washington, NCPC, and the Public Buildings Reform Board convened *Changing the Federal Footprint Public Forum: Transforming Forrestral and Catalyzing a New SW District*, a forum co-hosted with the Federal Real Property Association and held at the International Spy Museum. The Executive Director and PBRB Board Member **Dan Matthews** provided remarks. In one presentation TAP members **Norman Dong**, Partner, FD Stonewater; **Katie Cristol**, Chief Executive Officer, Tysons Community Alliance; **Vicki Davis**, Managing Partner, Urban Atlantic; and **Joshua Olsen**, Senior Vice President for Acquisitions, Monument Realty presented their recommendations. In *Forrestral as a Catalyst for SW*, a panel engaged in a discussion regarding potential economic development opportunities. Members included Norman Dong, **Diane Sullivan**, Current Planning Division Director, NCPC; **Steve Moore**, Executive Director, Southwest Business Improvement District; and **Andrew Trueblood**, Principal, Trueblood.city.

### Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful



**President Trump's** Executive Order 14252, *Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful*, calls for federal and local officials to work together to ensure that Washington showcases beautiful, clean, and safe public spaces. Section 3 focuses on agencies developing joint priorities and maximizing resources to improve safety. Section 4 calls for developing and implementing a coordinated beautification plan to uplift and beautify federal and local lands, facilities, and public spaces in the District of Columbia. It assigns the Secretary of the Interior to consult with the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of General Services, NCPC, the Attorney General, and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia to work closely with local officials and the private sector to undertake this beautification work.

Together, the agencies will identify near-term and longer-term priorities and strategies to advance this directive. In the interim, NCPC conducted an initial inventory of conditions within the monumental core to identify potential quick fixes and reached out to several Business Improvement Districts to seek their input and participation.

### Pennsylvania Avenue



DAVID RUBIN Land Collective, the design team leading development of the Public Space Plan, will update the Commission on their progress at the June 5 meeting. The presentation will also be made virtually at two public meetings on June 12 at 11:30 am and June 24 at 6:30 pm. [Details are available on the initiative page.](#)

Festival season on Pennsylvania Avenue continues in June as it hosts three large events, including the 33rd annual National Capital BBQ Battle. The Avenue's function as a venue is a key component of the future Public Space Master Plan. When complete, the plan will lay the framework for the Avenue as a flexible public space, a stage for awe-inspiring events, and a beautiful setting for everyday life.

### NCMAC Meeting



On May 12, NCPC participated in the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) meeting that reviewed 11 commemorative proposals. These included three new authorizations to establish commissions or task forces; five proposals related to site selection or location recommendations; and three extensions or reauthorizations. Projects included the site selection study for the Women's Suffrage National Monument; Smithsonian Institution's National Museums of the American Latino and American Women's History; and legislation to authorize the White House Task Force on Celebrating America's 250th Birthday to establish the National Garden of American Heroes.



Lower Potomac Field Station

## Facilities Outreach Program

On May 9, Urban Planner **Stephanie Free** and Supervisory Urban Designer **Matthew Flis** met onsite with Bureau of Land Management staff at the Lower Potomac Field Station in Lorton, VA. The meeting was part of the Current Planning Division's ongoing engagement with facilities in the environs to explain NCPC's role and mission and to learn about different facilities' future projects and improvements. The Lower Potomac Field Station includes the Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area near Fort Belvoir.

## Personnel

### Michael Sherman Retires



Michael Sherman

Long Range Planning Division Director **Michael Sherman** retired on May 2 after 29 years of service. He first interned with NCPC in 1991 and later joined the agency in 1997 as a geographic information systems (GIS) manager. Michael is best known for his 15 years as NCPC's Policy and Research Division Director, where he led a team that worked on the Comprehensive Plan, Federal Capital Improvements Program, commemoration, and many other special initiatives that sought to protect and enhance federal assets and cultural and natural resources in the nation's capital. He was an instrumental part of the agency and worked on many high-profile catalytic projects including the design of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Height Master Plan, and *Beyond Granite*. We thank Michael for his federal service, appreciate his military service in the U.S. Army, and wish him all the best into the future.

### Julia Koster Retires



Julia Koster

On May 16 NCPC bid farewell to Flooding and Resiliency Project Director **Julia Koster**, who retired after 22 years at the agency. Before her current role, she served as the Office of Public Engagement Director (2011-2024) where she oversaw the agency's Centennial and led NCPC's outreach efforts. She wore many hats at the agency, also serving as Assistant to the Executive Director (2002-2004), Director of the Policy and Research Division (2005-2009), and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Director (2009-2011). Julia oversaw the 2004 update to the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements, the CapitalSpace Initiative, and NCPC's work related to Federal Triangle flooding and the Potomac Park Levee. From 2016-2024 she was also the Secretary to the Commission. During her tenure she had details at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Council of the District of the Columbia where she assisted with adoption of the Comprehensive Plan's District Elements. We thank Julia for her service to NCPC and the nation and wish her all the best in retirement.