

Report of the Executive Director



(1.) Beaver Otter Raven Habitat



(2.) AFRH New Fountain



(3.) 16th Street Median

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 National Zoological Park Beaver Otter Raven Habitat Revitalization, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8782)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Armed Forces Retirement Home New Fountain Installation, 3700 North Capitol Street, NW. (8783)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for the 16th Street, NW Landscaped Medians, 16th Street between H and K Streets, NW. (8780)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Branchville Water Tower Antenna Modifications, 6900 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland. (8781)

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 site and building plans for the New William H. Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Avenue, SE. (8779)
2. Final building plans for the National Institutes of Health Multi-Level Parking Garage 12 Revision, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8481)
3. Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 2560, Lot 827, 2384 Champlain Street, NW. (ZC-25-18)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Public Feedback

Planted spaces, seating, and shade. These were popular themes received from members of the public during April's engagement period. Other priorities included supporting a mix of travel modes along a pedestrian-friendly corridor, adding amenities in the parks and plazas to support daily and event use, preserving clear views to the U.S Capitol, and providing spaces for gathering. All the public comments received [can be read online](#). The team appreciates the interest and feedback and looks forward to presenting more developed design concepts in the fall.

Public Outreach

Executive Director on Future of Cities Panel

In celebration of the launch of City Pulse 2026, a major publication from the Gensler Research Institute, on May 28 the Executive Director participated in a forum to discuss the future of cities and distinct perspectives on shaping the built and cultural landscape. He was joined by **Elaine Chon-Baker**, Founder and Managing Director of Mokja Ventures and **Hai Chein Wang**, CEO & Co-Founder of Taloon Property Partners. The panel was moderated by **Tom Shen**, Principal at Gensler DC.





Elizabeth Miller

Monumental Core Streetscape Guide & Construction Manual Receives Merit Award

On May 7, the American Society of Landscape Architects Potomac Chapter presented the [Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Construction Manual](#) a merit award in the Public and Non-Profit Projects category. Long Range Planning Division Planning Director **Elizabeth Miller** and Urban Planner **Ben Turpin** received the award. NCPC led an 11-member Interagency Working Group that prepared the guide and manual as a resource for federal and local agencies, property owners, and design and construction professionals to coordinate streetscape improvements. These guidelines and construction details and specifications elevate the monumental core's iconic form and identify to achieve a beautiful, cohesive, and welcoming public realm in support of the President's Safe and Beautiful Executive Order.

NCPC Hosts William & Mary Students



On May 28, a class from the College of William & Mary's Washington Center visited NCPC for a program on commemoration. The students shared brief presentations of their class work to create a new memorial and Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan**, along with other experts and artists, shared feedback. The students are participating in the class "In Memoriam: Monuments Past, Present, Fallen and Future," a theory and practice course that examines monuments through a contemporary framework.

Personnel

Board of Zoning Adjustment Representative



Melissa Lindsjo

NCPC Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** will serve as NCPC's representative to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) starting in June. Melissa, a District of Columbia resident, has years of experience with zoning at the local level in the National Capital Region. The BZA is an independent, quasi-judicial body that is empowered to grant relief from the strict application of zoning regulations (variances), approve certain land uses (special exceptions), and hear appeals of actions taken by the Zoning Administrator at the District of Columbia Department of Buildings.

NCPC Welcomes Summer Interns

Three interns will join the agency from June 1-August 21. Sylvia and Jade in the Current Planning Division and Simon in the Long Range Planning Division.

Sylvia Cabus is a second-year master's candidate in Urban and Regional Planning at Georgetown University. Sylvia has a M.A. in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. in History from the University of California at Berkeley.

Jade Visser is a second-year undergrad pursuing a B.S. in Environmental Policy and Planning, with a minor in Environmental Economics, from Virginia Tech's School of Public and International Affairs. Jade has a B.S. in Environmental Justice Studies, with a minor in Honors Studies, from James Madison University, Independent Scholars.

Simon Handelman is a second-year grad student at Virginia Tech pursuing a Master of Science in Architecture with an Urban Design Concentration. Simon has a B.A. from George Washington University with a major in Political Science.