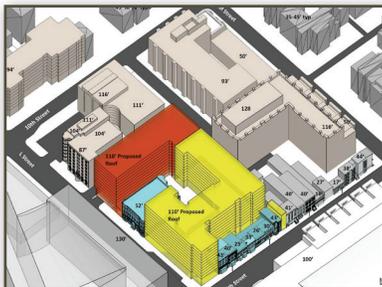


Report of the Executive Director



2255 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE (3)



9th and L Streets, NW (5)



1309 5th Street, NE (6)

During the past month, the Executive Director approved eight projects under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Finds that plans for an alley closing in Square 2822 (S.O. 14-21729), Sherman Avenue and Barry Place, NW, would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7646)
2. Finds that plans for a Planned Unit Development Modification in Squares 739, 767, and 768 in Southeast (Capper/Carrollsborg) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC03-12Q/03-13Q)
3. Finds that plans for a second stage Planned Unit Development and Planned Unit Development Modification at Square 5785, 2255 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (Four Points, LLC and Curtis Properties, Inc.) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC08-07A)
4. Finds that plans for text amendments for the Southeast Federal Center Overlay would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-05)
5. Finds that plans for a consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 369, 9th and L Streets, NW would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-09)
6. Finds that plans for a First Stage Planned Unit Development, Consolidated Planned Unit Development, and Related Map Amendment at Square 3591 (EAJ 1309 5th Street, NE, LLC) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-12)
7. Finds that plans for a Text and Map Amendment to create a C-2-B-1 Zone District at New York and Montana Avenues, NE would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-16)
8. Finds that plans for a Map Amendment at Square 4310 (AE Tower, LLC), Rhode Island Avenue and Monroe Street, NE would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-17)

PLANNING UPDATES

SW Ecodistrict

On Wednesday March 4 the International Living Future Institute and the national EcoDistrict team will host a special workshop at NCP on their individual assessment tools for sustainability to discuss how to use these tools together. The workshop will also explore additional opportunities for the SW Ecodistrict. From March 23-25 Urban Planner **Nicholas Bonard** will represent NCP and the SW Ecodistrict team at the *Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy: Climate and Economic Resilience* in Boston. Part of the workshop will focus on energy security opportunities for the SW Ecodistrict.





Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

On February 9, the Executive Committee met to discuss the existing regulatory framework and key issues regarding the Avenue. In March, the committee will meet to review and discuss the Initiative's work plan, including steps necessary to develop a programmatic framework for the Avenue.



Comprehensive Plan

NCPC staff continues its work on the Urban Design and Preservation & Historic Resources Elements and plans to submit drafts to the Commission during spring of 2015. Staff will provide an information presentation on its viewshed analysis during the March Commission meeting. On February 25 the Executive Director, Urban Planner **Lucy Kempf**, and Urban Planner **Dereh Bush** presented an update on the Urban Design Element to members of the Arlington County Planning staff.



DC Zoning Update Comments

The Zoning Commission is preparing the District's Zoning Regulations for a 60-day public comment period. It will be referred to NCPC once the Zoning Commission publishes the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the DC Register. Based on this timing, staff anticipates presenting the case to the NCPC later this spring.

Regional Plan Review: Arlington Courthouse Square Design Concept

Arlington County staff will provide an information presentation on its *Envision Courthouse Square Plan* during the March Commission meeting. The plan incorporated staff comments from NCPC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, National Park Service, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

2014 Annual Report Now Available

This year's publication is NCPC's first all-digital annual report. The interactive Year in Review is a great way to learn about the agency's 2014 major achievements at a glance. The report can be viewed on a tablet or mobile device. It is available via NCPC's homepage or at www.ncpc.gov/ar2014.



NCPC Collaboration Receives Federal Planning Award

Building a Climate Resilient National Capital Region, a collaboration between NCPC, NASA, the General Services Administration, the Smithsonian, the United States Global Change Research Program, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments was selected as a winner of a 2014 American Planning Association Federal Planning Division Award. The Outstanding Collaborative Planning Project or Program Award will be presented at APA's annual conference this April in Seattle.



NBM Holds Panel Discussion on Innovation in Washington

On February 18 Physical Planning Division Director **Mike Sherman** participated in a National Building Museum panel discussion *Putting the Fun in Functional: How Do You Do Innovative in D.C.?* Moderated by the museum's **Susan Piedmont-Palladino**, the panel examined several topics including NCPC's work on the Height Master Plan; the SW Ecodistrict; how to build, or renovate, a structure that breaks the Washington mold; what current projects and trends will be considered innovative in 25 years from now; and the question of whether Washington is an architectural city or a historic city. Additional panelists included SmithGROUP JJR's **David B. Greenbaum** and Perkins + Will's **Chris Morrison**.



PERSONNEL

Former NCPC Executive Passes Away

NCPC was saddened to hear of the death of **Christine Saum** on February 13 after a long battle with cancer. Christine worked at NCPC for 11 years where she served as Chief Urban Designer. She was a remarkable planner and architect who was passionate about making our capital city much more than a symbol that we can admire from afar; she endeavored to make her adopted home a magnificent place to live and work. Christine was a trusted advisor, a kind friend to her colleagues, and a generous mentor to our young staff. She was an eternal optimist who inspired all of us and will be greatly missed.