



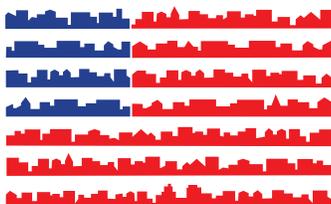
Hotel Monaco (1)



Stanton Square (2)



The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital



Report of the Executive Director

During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority.

1. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for expansion of the restaurant at the Hotel Monaco (formerly the Tariff Building), 701 E Street, NW, Washington, DC (7762)
2. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a First Stage Planned Unit Development, Consolidated Planned Unit Development, and Map Amendment from R-3 to R-5A and SP-1 Zone Districts, Square 5877, Lot 122, (Stanton Square, LLC) Bound by Stanton Road, SE; Elvans Road, SE; and Pomeroy Road, SE (ZC 13-09)
3. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a First Stage Planned Unit Development, Consolidated Planned Unit Development, and Related Map Amendment at Square 3128, Lot 800, (Vision McMillan Partners, LLC and Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development), McMillan Reservoir Slow Sand Filtration Site, 2501 First Street, NW (ZC 13-14A)

PLANNING UPDATES

Memorials for the Future Design Competition

The National Park Service (NPS), the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Van Alen Institute are moving forward with the development of the design competition for the Memorials for the Future design challenge, including overall competition goals and objectives, schedule, design content and guiding principles for participants and jury evaluation. The competition announcement for participants is tentatively scheduled for release in April 2016. NPS and NCPC staff will provide an informational presentation to the Commission at the March meeting. The competition will explore what a 21st Century memorial might look like in Washington, DC.

Comprehensive Plan Outreach

Following adoption of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital's Federal Elements* by the Commission, NCPC staff are developing an outreach strategy to ensure that project applicants, federal and regional partners, elected and public officials, as well as other interested parties are aware of the update. Commission-directed edits and minor text tweaks were made. The adopted elements are available online at www.ncpc.gov/compplan and will go into effect on April 5, 2016.



Lee Highway and vicinity map



Tomáš G. Masaryk Memorial

Staff Reviews Lee Highway Draft Vision Report

As part of its review of regional plans, NCPC staff is reviewing the Lee Highway Draft Vision Report. The Lee Highway corridor is a major east-west thoroughfare spanning Arlington County from East Falls Church to Rosslyn, leading into Washington. Lee Highway is one of the only commercial corridors in the county not subject to a focused planning effort. A consultant team led by Dover, Kohl & Partners, along with Arlington County and the Lee Highway Alliance, developed the report which may be used to identify future actions and evaluate the potential for future formal county studies and planning efforts for the corridor.

National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission

Staff represented NCPC at the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) meeting held on January 28, 2015. Projects on the agenda included funding legislation for the existing Tomáš G. Masaryk Memorial and site selection for a proposed Desert Storm Memorial. NCMAC opposed the request to use federal funds for future maintenance of the Masaryk Memorial and discussed the broader issue of maintenance of international gifts with Congress. NCMAC also discussed potential Desert Storm Memorial sites, and proposed several for further study including the Constitution Avenue terminus, and Memorial Drive Circle. NCMAC also suggested studying a third site outside of Area 1, such as Hains Point, which offers significant space to co-locate future war memorials related to Desert Storm.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

College Arts Association Convention Presentation

On Friday, February 12 Urban Design and Plan Review Division Director **Lucy Kempf** was a panelist at the College Arts Association Convention in Washington, DC. The panel, which also included U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Secretary **Thomas Luebke**, engaged in a discussion about memorial trends and issues in the nation's capital. Topics included content, design challenges, competitions, temporary exhibitions, and public engagement in the memorial process. **Kirk Savage**, author of *Monument Wars* and recent recipient of a Wyeth Foundation for American Art Publication Grant, was moderator.

NCPC Hosts Delegation from Hubei China

On February 26, Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** presented to a group of nine planning leaders from Hubei Province in central China. She provided a background about NCPC, and discussed regional planning, transportation infrastructure, and integrating sustainability in planning and urban design. **Jeffrey Soule**, American Planning Association Director of Outreach and International Relations, coordinated the visit.