

Report of the Executive Director



Embassy of the United Arab Emirates (1)



Marine Barracks Washington Annex (3)



Stead Park Recreation Center (4)



Pentagon Reservation's North Village,
Arlington, Va. (5)

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. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for a new guard booth, pergola, and site improvements at the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, 3522 International Court, NW. (7953)
2. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a new fence and retaining wall at the Embassy of Bangladesh, 3510 International Drive, NW. (1844)
3. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for redesign of a gate at the Marine Barracks Washington Annex, 8th and I Streets, SE. (7871)
4. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the Stead Park Recreation Center, 1625 P Street, NW. (7963)
5. Approved preliminary site and building plans for a vehicle and pedestrian access control point at the Pentagon Reservation's North Village, Arlington, Virginia. (7958)
6. Approved a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a First Stage Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Squares 5860 and 5861, Poplar Point RBBR, LLC, Howard Road, SE between South Capitol Street and the Anacostia Freeway/I-295. (ZC 16-29)

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 a photovoltaic solar system at Smothers Elementary School, 4400 Brooks Street, NE. (7961)
2. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 3581, FP Eckington Holdings, LLC, 1501 Harry Thomas Way, NE. (ZC 17-09)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for a photovoltaic solar system at Bruce Monroe Elementary School, 3600 Warder Street, NW. (7959)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for a photovoltaic solar system at Tyler Elementary School, 1001 G Street, SE. (7960)

PLANNING UPDATES



Open House Events: Parks & Open Space Element at NCPCC

March 21, 2018 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

April 12, 2018 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Pending the Commission's release of the draft Parks & Open Space Element, staff anticipates hosting two open house events for the public to learn more about the document. At these events, NCPCC staff will be on-hand to answer questions and attendees will be able to submit written comments. Both events will be held at the National Capital Planning Commission, 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004. The public will also be able to provide comments through NCPCC's website during a 60-day comment period.

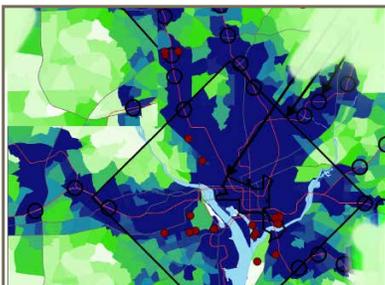


Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Executive Committee anticipates releasing an Issues and Opportunities report in spring 2018. The report will summarize the Executive Committee's key findings from the Market Study, Urban Design Analysis, and Transportation Study, which are informing the Initiative's work plan. Staff will update the Commission on the status of the Committee's work at the May meeting.

Parking Study MWCOG Outreach

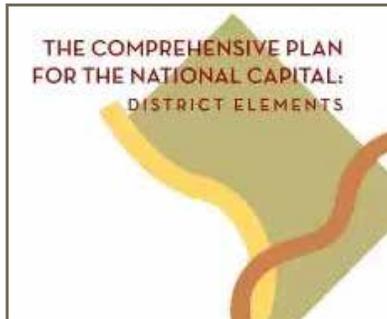
Staff recently presented the *National Capital Region Federal Parking Study: An Accessibility-Based Approach for Federal Facilities* to two separate committees of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). The first presentation was to the MWCOG Transportation Board (TPB) Travel Forecasting Subcommittee. It is composed of representatives from TPB member jurisdictions, state departments of transportation, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The second presentation was to the MWCOG Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee, which is a subcommittee of the COG Board of Directors. The committee is composed of the top regional planning officials and their representatives. Staff anticipates submitting the Transportation Element to the Commission in early 2019. They obtained feedback that will help inform updates to the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element.



Global City Teams Challenge (GCTC)

On February 7, staff attended the 2018 kick-off meeting and workshop for the Global City Teams Challenge (GCTC) program. The GCTC is a collaborative platform for the development of smart cities and communities, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in partnership with other federal agencies, including NCPCC. The event included an effort to build collaborative teams to address city issues, and create new approaches to urban problem solving. The discussion topics included the potential of developing a collaboration network for the delivery of immersive augmented reality experiences using the existing PA 2040 infrastructure. Hundreds of government, public, and private sector representatives attended the event.





DC Cultural Plan

Staff is reviewing and providing comments on the District of Columbia's first-ever Cultural Plan. The plan, released in February 2018, highlights investments with a focus on arts, heritage, and innovation. Conversations with more than 1,000 residents, cultural creators, and consumers helped shape the plan that lays out a vision and recommendations for how the District government and its partners can build upon, strengthen, and invest in the people, places, communities, and ideas that define culture within the city.

Dockless Bicycles

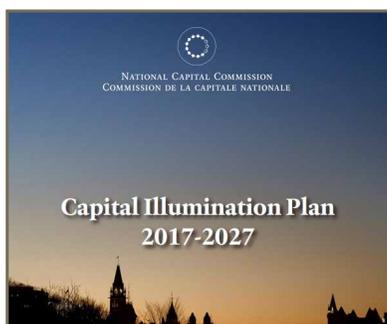
The District Department of Transportation (DDOT)'s demonstration pilot project for dockless bikes runs through April 2018. NCPC staff recently provided stakeholders with a summary of preliminary findings and considerations. Staff will continue to solicit input from federal stakeholders and incorporate this feedback into a subsequent comment letter to DDOT prior to completion of the dockless bike pilot program and updates to the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements.



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

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In February, NCPC posted a blog highlighting the new guide, *Flood Risk Management Resources for Washington, DC*. The document was published on January 26th and presented at the February 1 Commission Meeting. In the post, urban planner **Nick Bonard** describes why it is so important for facility managers, planners, and designers in the region to consider flood risk in their work and how this new document can help. All of the agency's blog posts are in the website's news section: <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/>.



Canadian Light Brown-Bag

On February 22, **Sophie Acheson**, senior land use planner with the National Capital Commission (NCC) in Ottawa and lead planner for the *Capital Illumination Plan 2017-2027*, joined us live via video link to discuss the newly adopted plan. This plan is the NCC's first strategy for illuminating and cohesively highlighting the nighttime landscape of the Canadian capital's core area. NCPC staff learned about the use of lighting as an urban strategy to strengthen safety, visual comfort, city image, and attractiveness.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

On February 15, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) staged a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" open house at the agency's current location on K Street. The PBGC will relocate their offices to Maryland Avenue, SW in the near future, and sought to educate employees about current and planned developments in their new Southwest Washington neighborhood. Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** and Urban Planner **Vivian Lee** were on hand to answer questions and provide information about the SW Ecodistrict, and nearby proposals, including the Eisenhower Memorial, and developments at Smithsonian facilities. Other participants included the District Department of Transportation, the Southwest Business Improvement District, and WMATA.

