



Liberty Loan Building (1.)



Congress Heights Recreation Center (3.)



Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building (6.)

Report of the Executive Director

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 building plans for the Liberty Loan Building Antenna Modification, 401 14th Street, SW. (8519)
2. Final site development plans for the Marine Barracks Washington P158 Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and Support Facility Revision, 1053 7th Street, SE. (8456)
3. Final site and building plans for the Congress Heights Recreation Center, 611 Alabama Avenue, SE. (8398)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Closing of a Public Alley in Square 756 - S.O. 24-00310, 313 2nd Street, NE. (8526)
5. Preliminary site and building plans for the Fort McNair Building 61 Renovation, 300 D Street, SW. (8527)
6. Preliminary and final building plans for the Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building Antenna Upgrade, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, Maryland. (8518)
7. Preliminary site and building plans for the Pentagon Center Courtyard Stage and Stairs Modifications, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. (8524)

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following project is exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. The following project is in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Rock Creek Park Comfort Stations 1, 6, and 10 Rehabilitation, Picnic Grove 1 (Shoemaker Road, NW), Picnic Groves 6 and 10 (Beach Drive, NW). (8521)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

NCPC and project partners shortlisted three consultant teams and are entering the next phase of evaluation for the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative's Implementation Program component. Submissions for the Request for Proposals 2, the Public Space Master Plan and Concept Design, were due on March 1, 2024. In February, NCPC published a blog to help the public understand the concurrent planning efforts by different agencies that share similar goals to enliven downtown's economy and enhance its public spaces. Some of these plans include NCPC's Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, Mayor Bowser's DC Comeback Plan, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's Gallery Place/Chinatown Task Force, and the Downtown Business Improvement District's Downtown Action Plan. [Read the blog.](#)



Monumental Core Framework Plan

In February, Physical Planning Division staff concluded coordination with the Interagency Working Group members on the development of the *Small-Scale Elements Streetscape Guidelines*, as well as the *Federal LED Streetlighting Performance Criteria*. On March 21, 2024, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts will receive an information presentation on the guidelines, which will also be submitted for NCPC Commission review and acceptance in April.





Federal Workplace

On February 26, NCPC and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments hosted a reconvening roundtable discussion with invited regional leaders. Chair Goodmann provided opening remarks. Participants discussed key findings from the Workplace Scenario Planning Study and important policy development issues the region should address to benefit federal and local interests moving forward from the pandemic. The discussion, as well as the study, will inform an update of the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Workplace Element. To read the Workplace Scenario Planning Study findings visit <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/workplace/>.



Public Outreach

Comprehensive Plan Introduction Chapter and Submission Guideline Updates Public Meeting

On February 20, NCPC hosted a second public meeting to present the Comprehensive Plan's draft Introduction Chapter and Submission Guidelines update. Public comments on the draft documents are accepted through March 12, 2024. NCPC staff anticipates bringing the Introduction Chapter and Submission Guidelines update to the Commission for adoption in late spring 2024. For more information on this project visit <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/intro/>.



Beyond Granite Exhibition Award

The Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, DC honored *Beyond Granite: Pulling Together* as the best exhibition of 2023. On March 5, the Trust for the National Mall received the award at a ceremony held at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Committee of 100 Presentation

The Executive Director provided a presentation on the agency's initiatives to the Committee of 100 on the Federal City on February 21, 2024. He highlighted the centennial, workplace scenario study, Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, and commemoration activities.



Gallery Place Design Charrette

On February 23, Urban Design and Plan Review Director, Diane Sullivan served as a juror for a Gallery Place design charrette held at the National Building Museum. The DC Office of Planning in collaboration with the Howard University College of Engineering and Architecture sponsored the event. Fourth-year architecture students presented their visions for improving the public realm along 7th Street, NW between F and H Streets, NW.



NCPC's 2024 Centennial

More than 200 people attended the kickoff event, *One Night, 100 Years*, a virtual exploration of the Online Planning Library and select entries that shaped the region's development. Staff are continuing to refine the upcoming physical and digital exhibits on the agency's milestone. They are also conducting interviews for the oral history archive that captures reflections from former Commissioners and staff who influenced the agency's work.



Little Falls Parkway Improvements

On February 29, NCPC started the first comment opportunity for the Little Falls Parkway Improvement project's 30-day scoping period that will last until March 29. The purpose of scoping is to identify topics and areas of analysis for the Environmental Assessment. An online public scoping meeting will take place on March 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm where attendees will learn about NCPC's role in the process. More information is available online: <https://www.ncpc.gov/projects/MP046/>