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JBAB Perimeter Security Fence (1.)



Fort Davis Community Center (2.)



President Lincoln's Cottage (1.)





# 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 site development plans for the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Perimeter Security Fence Expansion, 370 Brookley Avenue, SW. (8626)
- 2. Preliminary site and building plans for the Fort Davis Community Center Reconstruction and Site Improvements, 1400 41st Street, SE. (8633)

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 the President Lincoln's Cottage Interpretive Gardens, 3700 North Capitol Street. (8629)
- 2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Chevy Chase Circle Changes, Chevy Chase Circle. (8622)
- Preliminary and final site development plans for the GSA Central Heating Plant Bollard Installation, 325 13th Street, SW. (8630)
- 4. Preliminary site and building plans for the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Building 53 Addition, 370 Brookley Avenue, SW. (8631)
- 5. Preliminary site and building plans for the BARC Building 203 East and West Swine Production Renovation Phase 1, 10300 Baltimore Avenue. (8636)
- 6. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Driskell Park Revitalization, 3939 Hamilton Street. (8637)
- 7. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Square 5344, 4650 Benning Road, SE. (ZC 24-06)

## **Planning Updates**

### Urban Land Institute TAP Develops James V. Forrestal Building Catalytic Strategies

In partnership with NCPC and the Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB), ULI Washington conducted a two-day Technical Assistance Panel on February 11 and 12 that focused on the potential for the James V. Forrestal building to perform as a catalyst for the consolidation of the federal footprint in Washington, DC. The eight-member panel included public sector, economic development, engineering, capital markets, and public realm planning experts. During the two-day event, the project team led by Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo**, attended a tour of the Forrestal Building, participated in stakeholder roundtable discussions, and made a final presentation of the panel's recommendations.

#### Pennsylvania Avenue Plan Work Advances

The Public Space Master Plan design consultant team, led by landscape architecture firm DAVID RUBIN Land Collective, has begun design work. In February, it met with project partner representatives and technical experts to start evaluating potential design elements to inform development of the preliminary design alternatives. Topics included multimodal transportation, utilities and infrastructure, historic preservation, and security. As work moves forward, the team will prepare a summary of their findings to share with the Commission in June.

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#### Monumental Core Interagency Working Group Meets

On February 19, the Monumental Core Interagency Working Group (IWG) held their quarterly meeting where it reviewed the draft Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Construction Manual (Streetscape Guide). The Streetscape Guide includes an urban design streetscape framework, streetscape design guidelines, construction details and specifications, and guiding principles for the planning, design, and construction of streetscapes within the monumental core. The IWG was also briefed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) on flood-vulnerable vent shafts located throughout the monumental core. Currently, sandbags are utilized to prevent these vents from flooding during storm events. In the coming months, IWG agencies will coordinate with Metro to discuss potential design solutions for addressing these flood concerns.



University of Albany visit

# **Public Engagement**

#### NCPC Hosts Student Groups

In February, students from the Virginia Tech Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center and the University of Albany visited the agency. On February 13, Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold** and **Benjamin Turpin**, a Virginia Tech alum, presented on the agency's unique role and planning mission to students from Virginia Tech's Comparative Urbanism Seminar, which explores city development and contemporary urban issues through historical, cultural, and spatial lenses. On February 28, Benjamin Turpin and Supervisory Urban Planner **Angela Dupont** presented to the University of Albany Semester in Washington class.