

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.



Zoo Substation (1.)

1. Final site and building plans for the National Zoological Park Hawthorne Street Electrical Substation Replacement, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8673)
2. Transfer of Jurisdiction for a Portion of Reservation 2 at Liberty Loan, 401 14th Street, SW. (8723)
3. Final site and building plans for the Fort McNair Building 61 Renovation, 300 D Street, SW. (8527)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Fort McNair Pedestrian Gate Upgrade, 300 5th Avenue, SW. (8747)



Building 61 Renovation (3.)

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 Washington Monument Time Capsule. (8748)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Rooftop Equipment Replacement, 3700 North Capitol Street, NW. (8749)
3. Comments on concept plans for the New Crummell Community Center, 1900 Gallaudet Street, NE. (8744)



New Crummell Community Center (3.)

Planning Updates

Safe and Beautiful Initiative

NCPC's Safe and Beautiful Initiative includes near-term and long-term coordinated beautification projects and implementation strategies that support President Trump's *Executive Order 14252: Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful*. These projects will create safer, greener, and more beautiful destinations for Washington, DC's visitors and residents. Information about the initiative: [Safe and Beautiful Initiative](#).

Walk for Peace on Pennsylvania Avenue

The Walk for Peace in February used a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue on its route to the U.S. Capitol. The procession through Washington, DC is an example of how the Avenue needs to quickly transform from a vehicular thoroughfare into a welcoming venue for expression and gathering.

Rolling road closures coordinated by public safety and emergency management agencies also underscored the logistical challenges involved in hosting large-scale events along the Avenue. These considerations are helping to inform a new public space plan for the Avenue which aims to modernize infrastructure and improve how the corridor is managed and experienced.





Public Outreach

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Visit

On February 12, Current Planning Division staff visited Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) to tour the installation and discuss coordination efforts with the Air Force as part of NCPCC's regular outreach efforts. Community Planner **Michael Weil** provided an overview of NCPCC, and the group then toured the various districts within the installation, as well as several sites related to recent Commission reviews. NCPCC staff expressed their appreciation to the JBAB team for hosting the visit.



Virginia Tech students

Staff Briefs University Students on NCPCC's Legacy and Mission

In February, NCPCC hosted students from Pennsylvania State University (February 10) and the Virginia Tech Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center (February 17). Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold**, a Penn State alum, and Urban Planner **Benjamin Turpin**, a Virginia Tech alum, presented on the agency's unique role and mission in planning within the nation's capital. These presentations supported Penn State's CoLab and GeoDesign Studios, which are focused on Pennsylvania Avenue, and Virginia Tech's Comparative Urbanism Seminar, which explores city development and contemporary urban issues through historical, cultural, and spatial lenses.

Staff Presents NCPCC 101 to Washington English Center Students



On February 3, Long Range Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller**, Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo**, and Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** provided an overview of the agency's role in shaping the National Capital Region's future through comprehensive planning and development oversight to students attending the Washington English Center (WEC). Staff highlighted several agency initiatives such as Pennsylvania Avenue and Safe and Beautiful. WEC students are currently living in Washington, DC but represent 10 different countries from across the globe. The students were impressed by the agency's work and engaged in a lively discussion on planning decisions in their home countries.

Personnel

NCPCC Welcomes New IT Specialist



Robert Harris

After serving 2.5 years as a contractor in NCPCC's Operations & Administration Division, **Robert Harris** was hired full-time as an IT specialist. He will support the agency's Cybersecurity Zero Trust Strategy and Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework which includes all A/V and Help Desk support. Previous roles were as an IT and cybersecurity specialist contractor supporting small and medium-sized federal agencies and as a systems administrator for the consulting firm Capgemini Inc. Robert has a bachelor's degree in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance from Western Governors University.