

Report of the Executive Director



Naval Support Activity-Bethesda (2)



Square 653 (4)



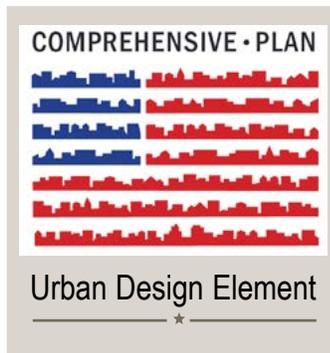
2303 14th Street, NW (7)



Square 3587 (9)

During the past month, the Acting Executive Director approved ten projects under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Preliminary and final site and building plans for two new storage buildings at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (7639)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for exterior repairs for Buildings 3, 5, 9, and 10 at the U.S. Department of the Navy, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda, 8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (7664)
3. Final site and building plans for electrical capacity upgrades and Cooling Tower Building reconstruction (P131) at the U.S. Department of the Navy, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda, 8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (7665)
4. Finds that plans for the closing of a public alley in Square 653 (O Street, SW to the South; Half Street, SW to the West; N Street, SW to the North; and South Capitol Street to the East) are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7656)
5. Finds that plans for the closing of a public alley and establishment of an easement in Square 197, 1100 L Street, NW are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7657)
6. Finds that plans for the closing of a public alley in Square 342, 11th and K Streets, NW are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7659)
7. Finds that plans for a modification to a Consolidated Planned Unit Development at Square 2668, Lot 55, 2303 14th Street, NW (New 14 Investments, LLC) are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 05-22A)
8. Finds that plans for Map Amendments to Implement the Comprehensive Revisions to the Zoning Regulations are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 08-06C)
9. Finds that plans for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 3587 (1240 4th ST, EDENS, LLC) are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-07)
10. Finds that plans for Text Amendments to Chapters 1, 3 4, 26, and 31, Maximum Height and Minimum Lot Dimension Requirements and Use Permissions in the R-4 District are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-11)



Pennsylvania Avenue



PLANNING UPDATES

Comprehensive Plan

NCPC staff will present the Urban Design Element to NCPC at the May 7 meeting and ask the Commission to release it for a 60-day public comment period. Staff plans to bring the full plan to the Commission for final adoption this fall. On Monday, June 1 NCPC and AIA DC will host an Urban Design Element Open House from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the District Architecture Center, 421 7th Street, NW.

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Initiative team continues to investigate near- and long-term improvements for Pennsylvania Avenue. The Executive Committee met on April 29 to discuss existing conditions and steps necessary to develop a programmatic framework for the Avenue. They are also exploring near-term improvements to streamline maintenance and permitting along the Avenue.

Federal Capital Improvements Plan (FCIP)

Staff initiated development of the 2016-2021 Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP). The National Capital Planning Act charges NCPC with the annual review of federal capital budgeting proposals for projects slated for the next six years. NCPC evaluates the proposals for consistency with federal and local planning policies and prioritizes projects. The analyses and recommendations are compiled in the FCIP report and subsequently submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for use in preparing the President's annual budget.

Comments on the DC Zoning Update

NCPC staff is waiting for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to be published in the DC Register with a 60-day public comment period. Once published, the case will be referred to NCPC. Based on this timing, staff anticipates presenting the case to the NCPC late spring/early summer.

DC Signage Regulations

Staff is reviewing the District of Columbia's Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Sign Regulations. The proposed new title would update and consolidate the District's current sign regulations into a single title, removing the bulk of these provisions from the Building Code and scattered sections of the Municipal Regulations. It would also clarify provisions relating to approval of special signs and billboards; amend the current rules to respond to issues raised by the Federal Highway Administration; create new Designated Entertainment Areas that would be open to the display of new signs; clarify the existing regulations as they relate to signs on public space, private property, and specific areas of the District; establish a means for enforcement; and establish a permit application fee schedule. NCPC staff will review the regulations and submit advisory comments to the District Department of Transportation during the 90-day comment period.



Marine Corps Base Quantico



Occoquan Regional Park



Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit



Earth Day Exhibit

Regional Planning

Prince William County Capital Improvement Plan

Staff provided advisory comments on Prince William County's Proposed FY 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The plan highlights transportation investments near Marine Corps Base Quantico, such as the Fuller Road/Fuller Heights road improvements and the development of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The CIP also includes projects that will help meet regional environmental goals such as the Open Space Land Acquisition Program and the Prince William County Watersheds project.

County of Fairfax, Virginia FY 2016-2020 Advertised Capital Improvement Program

Staff provided advisory comments on the County of Fairfax, Virginia FY 2016-2020 CIP which includes a number of projects that will improve regional mobility. Further, the CIP features a number of important resource stewardship projects including the Stream and Water Quality Improvements project and the Land Acquisition, Occoquan Regional Park and W&OD Railroad Regional Park projects through the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Loudoun County's 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Staff provided advisory comments on Loudoun County's 2016 Capital Improvement Program. It includes a number of projects that will improve regional mobility, spur regional economic development and improve air quality. Projects include the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit project and the Transit Station Connector Bridge and Regional Park-and-Ride Lots.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

SW Ecodistrict Spotlited

Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** presented the SW Ecodistrict Initiative at the American Planning Association Conference on April 21 in Seattle. NCPC staff manned a booth about the project at the U.S. Department of Energy's Earth Day Exhibit on April 22. NCPC Senior Urban Planner **Diane Sullivan** discussed the Ecodistrict on WAMU's Metro Connection as part of their special April 17 "The 3 Rs" (reduce/reuse/recycle) Earth Day segment.