

Report of the Executive Director



Broadcasters Child Development Center (1)



U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico (2)



N Street, NE and Florida Avenue, NE (3)

During the past month the Chairman took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority.

1. Approved a transfer of jurisdiction for US Reservation 104 from the National Park Service to the U.S. Department of State, Virginia Avenue and 21st Street, NW. Washington, DC. (7771)

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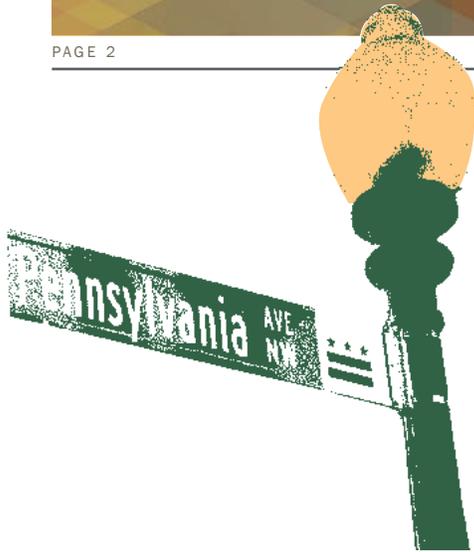
1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a playground at the Broadcasters' Child Development Center, 3400 International Drive, NW. (7774)
2. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for Phase 3 of the Russell Road widening at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, Prince William County, Virginia. (7467)
3. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the closing of a public alley in Square 772, bounded by N Street, NE and Florida Avenue, NE to the north; 4th Street, NE to the east; and 3rd Street, NE to the west. (7773)
4. Approved preliminary and final building plans for a photovoltaic solar system at Empowering Males High School (formerly Ron Brown Middle School), 4800 Meade Street, NE. (7775)
5. Approved preliminary and final building plans for 14 photovoltaic solar systems at various buildings in the District of Columbia. (7778)
6. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding a Map Amendment at Squares 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2587, 2589, and 2586, various lots bound by Lanier Place, NW; Ontario Road, NW; 18th Street, NW; Ontario Place, NW; Argonne Place, NW; and Adams Road, NW. (ZC 15-09)
7. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the Sursum Corda Cooperative Association 1st Stage Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 620, First and L Streets, NW. (ZC 15-20)
8. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the 301 FL Manager, LLC Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 772N, 301 Florida Avenue, NE. (ZC 15-22)

PLANNING UPDATES

Memorials for the Future Underway

On April 11 the National Park Service and NCPC, in collaboration with Van Alen Institute, launched Memorials for the Future, a competition that aims to rethink the way we develop and experience memorials. As of April 20, 101 pre-registrants indicated that they intend to submit a design. Entries are being accepted through May 4 at future.ncpc.gov/. Three finalists will be announced in June, who will then further develop their designs. In September an exhibition will be held and the competition winner announced.





Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Executive Committee continues to work with Sasaki Associates and HR+A Advisors to understand the changing nature of the Avenue’s economic competitiveness, its physical characteristics, and potential issues and opportunities that influence its role in the 21st century capital city. The consultants recently completed a market study and are currently conducting an urban design analysis to identify issues to inform how to make physical and operational improvements.

FBI Headquarters Consolidation and Exchange

The General Services Administration (GSA) is in the process of selecting an “exchange partner” to construct a consolidated headquarters facility for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on one of three sites—Greenbelt or Landover, Maryland or Springfield, Virginia. Upon completion and acceptance of the new FBI headquarters facility by GSA, the exchange partner will receive fee simple title to the J. Edgar Hoover Building and land located on Squares 378 and 379, bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, 9th, 10th, and E Streets, NW in Washington, DC.

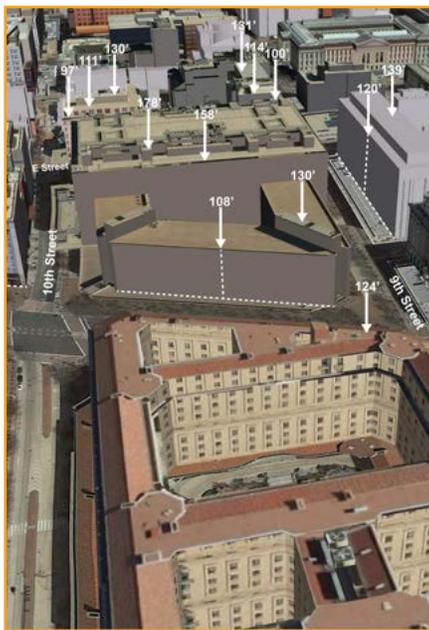
These squares are located within the 1974 *Pennsylvania Avenue Development Plan* boundary. The plan guides land use and design for development within the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor between the White House and the U.S. Capitol. In March, the 1974 Plan was amended to allow for the private reuse or redevelopment of these squares.

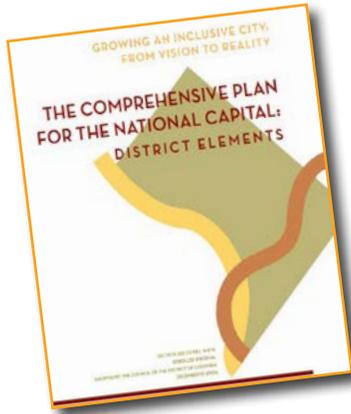
NCPC is now initiating the development of square guidelines for the site which are defined in the Federal Code §910.5 as “detailed urban planning and design requirements and recommendations.” NCPC held public meetings on April 26 and April 28, to launch this next phase of planning for the site. Staff provided an overview of the plan, the process for developing square guidelines, the square guideline development schedule, and sought public input on subject matter to include in the guidelines. Staff anticipates bringing an early concept of the square guideline topics and a high-level overview of building envelope guidelines to the Commission for comment in June 2016.

GSA held a Section 106 meeting on April 12 where they distributed a draft of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. NCPC staff is in the process of providing comments.

Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion

NCPC accepted the Department of the Army’s offer to be a cooperating agency for the Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Project Environmental Assessment. NCPC staff will focus on any potential impacts that the project may have on cultural and historic resources, land use, circulation, transportation systems, and views into and from the city. This project is located in an important, nationally significant area overlooking the capital, that serves as the final resting place for many soldiers, diplomats, and politicians who served the country with honor.





DC Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP) launched the second Amendment Cycle of the District Elements to the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. DCOP envisions a three-phase public engagement process:

- **Phase 1:** Amendment Cycle kick-off with public meetings and briefings, public input opportunities on key issues and concerns related to the Comprehensive Plan, and the launch of the official amendment submission process.
- **Phase 2:** Release of a draft Amendment Report for public comment with a minimum of one citywide public meeting; and
- **Phase 3:** Preparation of the Final Amendment Report with text and map amendments for submission for legislative review and approval.

NCPC staff will assist DCOP with addressing potential interest issues and coordinating federal stakeholder input. After City Council approval, the amendments will be forwarded to NCPC for 60-day review and to the U.S. Congress for a 30-day review period to assess the potential impacts of each amendment on the federal interest. Once changes are addressed, the approved amendments are enacted into law and take effect.



NCPC Reviews and Comments on Prince George’s County’s Proposed Capital Budget & Program Fiscal Year 2017-2022

Staff reviewed Prince George’s County’s Proposed Capital Budget & Program Fiscal Year 2017-2022 (CIP) which includes Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission capital projects. The CIP includes a number of projects that will improve regional mobility (such as the Maryland Purple Line); numerous important environmental stewardship projects (such as the Stormwater Management Restoration and Watershed Implementation Plan II); and funding to further the county’s park expansion efforts. Overall, these projects will advance the Comprehensive Plan’s connectivity and access policies and support a healthy and sustainable environment for the growing National Capital Region.



PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Speaker Series Features London Urban Visionary Patricia Brown

On April 27 NCPC’s Speaker Series presented *An Evening with Patricia Brown*. Ms. Brown, the former CEO of Central London Partnership who runs Central, a niche consultancy, shared her experiences in London touching on topics ranging from good growth, public realm and way finding, building partnerships, and creating thriving places, economies and business.



MAKEOVER MONTGOMERY 3

Makeover Montgomery III

On Friday, May 6 Office of Public Engagement Director/Secretary to the Commission **Julia Koster** will moderate *The Future of Suburban and Federal Office Parks*, a panel discussion at the Makeover Montgomery III conference. Other participants include ULI Washington Director of Community Outreach **Deborah Kerson Bilek**; City of Rockville Chief of Long Range Planning and Redevelopment **David B. Levy**; Montgomery Planning Department Planner Coordinator **Andrea Gilles**; **Jennifer R. Mahony**, Director of Facilities for the Mission Support Division at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and **Mina Wright**, NCPC Commissioner and GSA Public Buildings Service Director of Office of Planning & Design Quality.



NCPC and DOD Hold Annual Briefing

On May 4, the Executive Director, Urban Design and Plan Review Director **Lucy Kempf**, and Policy and Research Director **Mike Sherman** met with Commissioner **Michael Rhodes** and representatives from U.S. Department of Defense installations throughout the National Capital Region. This annual briefing was an opportunity to share information about future DoD development activities and initiatives, as well as share information about related NCPC initiatives, including the submission guideline updates.

NCPC Met with Montgomery County Planning Director

On April 25, the Executive Director, Urban Design and Plan Review Director **Lucy Kempf**, and Office of Public Engagement Director/Secretary to the Commission **Julia Koster** met with Montgomery County Planning Director **Gwen Wright**. The group discussed current agency and county initiatives and current and future coordination on NCPC project review.



GSA Staff Horticulturist Presents on Low Impact Development

On April 12, NCPC staff welcomed GSA Horticulturist **Darren DeStefano** for an informal Brown Bag presentation on Low Impact Development at federal properties in the National Capital Region. Mr. DeStefano covered aspects of biological systems, lessons learned on early federal green roof and stormwater projects, and current urban streetscaping trends.