

Report of the Executive Director



Patrick Henry Building (1)



Parcel G at The Yards -
Southeast Federal Center (3)

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 site and building plans for renovation of the Patrick Henry Building at Square 457, 601 D Street, NW. (P8068)
2. Approval of comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the closing of a public alley and establishment of a public alley easement in Square 740 - S.O. 18-41587. (8063)
3. Approval of comments on a 35% design for Parcel G at The Yards - Southeast Federal Center. (8067)
4. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding Southeast Federal Center Design Review for Parcel E4 of The Yards - Trapeze School, in a portion of Square 883 - Forest City SEFC, LLC. (ZC 19-07)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The executive committee and partner agencies continue working on near-term operational, maintenance, and programming improvements along the Avenue. In partnership, the DowntownDC Business Improvement District is at work enhancing the Avenue with colorful plantings and movable table and chairs for people's enjoyment. The executive committee is also beginning to explore enhanced arts, culture, and entertainment programming, as well as urban planning and design ideas, to enliven the Avenue.

Monumental Core Streetscape and Lighting Framework

The Commission received an information presentation on the Monumental Core Streetscape Project's Lighting Policy and Framework at its April meeting. NCPC staff and the National Mall Roads Interagency Working Group are cooperating with the District Department of Transportation and Office of Public-Private Partnerships to coordinate local and federal LED streetlight guidance. In May, staff will provide information presentations to the District's Streetlight Advisory Panel and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. Staff will return to the Commission this fall with the Monumental Core Urban Design Streetscape Framework and Lighting Policy for concept review.

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Workplace and Transportation Federal Elements

NCPC staff continues policy development for the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Transportation and Workplace Elements. Staff is conducting analysis on existing policies, as well as identifying new policy areas and evaluating transportation and workplace trends. Staff anticipates submitting these two elements to the Commission in the third quarter of FY 2019.



Lighting Framework



Transportation Element



Capital Improvements

National Capital Region Capital Improvement Plans Review

Staff completed federal interest review and provided comments on numerous Capital Improvement Plans mentioned in last month's Executive Director's Report. Plans covered the following jurisdictions: District of Columbia; City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County (in Virginia); Prince William County and Montgomery County (in Maryland).

Interagency Security Council

On April 10, staff participated in an Interagency Security Council (ISC) sponsored workshop with members of the newly formed Working Group on Protecting Against the Threat of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). ISC's counterparts from the United Kingdom's Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure led discussions on conducting vulnerability assessments, reducing reckless or negligent use, and deterring and developing response procedures to hostile UAS.



Interagency Security Council

Greater Washington Smart Region Movement

On April 17, Policy & Research Division Director **Michael Sherman** participated in the Greater Washington Smart Region Movement workshop organized by the Greater Washington Board of Trade, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area. This effort recognizes that digital infrastructure is rapidly becoming as important as physical infrastructure and seeks to make the National Capital Region a digital leader. It brought together members of the public sector, private sector, and academia to develop a plan to achieve this goal. While acknowledging that many local jurisdictions and organizations have digital solutions underway, the effort seeks to create an operating environment where cross-jurisdictional solutions can thrive in a reliable and trusted operating model.



APA Conference: Planning for Security

Public Outreach

Executive Director Presents at APA Conference

The executive director presented *Planning for Security: An Evolving Approach* on April 18 at a training workshop held by the American Planning Association's Federal Planning Division. The workshop was part of the annual conference held this year in San Francisco. The presentation focused on NCP's efforts related to security planning in the nation's capital from pre-9/11 to today.

NCP Hosts College Career Day

On April 5, architecture, planning, and preservation undergraduates from the University of Maryland and Georgetown University visited NCP to learn about Washington's planning agencies and discuss career pathways. The executive director, Policy & Research Director **Michael Sherman**, and Urban Planners **Meghan Dowker**, **Angela Dupont**, **Matt Flis**, **Carlton Hart**, **Sarah Ridgely**, and **Karin Schierhold** discussed federal and multi-agency planning career opportunities with the students. Joining them were District of Columbia Government Planners **Joshua Ghaffari**, **Dan Guilbeault**, **Evelyn Kasongo**, and **Renan Snowden** who shared local government perspectives. The event was co-organized by University of Maryland Planning School Graduate **Alex Bailor** in advance of the students attending the National APA Conference.



University of Maryland and Georgetown University Students



Small Cell Infrastructure

Blog: New Infrastructure for Washington, DC's Wireless Network

Senior Urban Planner **Matt Flis** wrote about how the implementation of small cell infrastructure will help meet the demand for wireless technology and improved connectivity in Washington. He explained how NCPC's work with the District Department of Transportation to develop design guidelines will inform the placement of these small cell facilities and their impact on the capital city. All blogs are available online at <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/>.

Construction Watch Blog: National Air & Space Museum

Urban Planner **Vivian Lee** provided an update on plans to provide site improvements at the National Air & Space Museum, as well as upgrade the museum's building exterior and vestibules. NCPC continues to consult with the Smithsonian on mockups to test different combinations of color patterns, veining, and glazing for the museum's exterior. All blogs are available online at <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/>.



National Air & Space Museum

Construction Watch Blog: 10th Street, SW

NCPC's *SW Ecodistrict Plan* imagined that new destinations and mixed-use development would transform 10th Street, SW into a lively, walkable public space. Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl** provides an update on the status of a new hotel and the opening of the International Spy Museum. All blogs are available online at <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/>.