



Great Flight Aviary (1.)



LEARN Charter School (2.)



Wolf Trap Concession Stand A (3.)



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 and building plans for the National Zoological Park Great Flight Aviary Repair, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8454)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling LEARN Charter School Temporary Trailers, 100 Duncan Avenue, SW. (8308)
3. Final site and building plans for the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts - Concession Stand A, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. (8341)
4. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Closing of a Public Alley in Square 762 - S.O. 23-01974, 224 2nd Street, SE. (8458)

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following project is exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Anacostia Stream Valley Park N78 Water Quality Monitoring Station, Hyattsville, Maryland. (8451)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

On April 1, at the American Planning Association's National Conference in Philadelphia, Urban Planner **Jeff Jamawat** presented NCPC's work on the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative at a panel titled *Public Space Boosters: Unmasking Lessons Learned Since 2020*. The National Capital Region panel shared opportunities, hurdles, and strategies to transform the public realm to be more inclusive, dynamic, and economically resilient in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Representatives included **Alex Krefetz** (DC Office of Planning), **Malaika Scriven** (National Landing Business Improvement District), **Adam Dodgshon** (Prince George's County), and **Katye North** (City of Alexandria). On Saturday, April 8, Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold** and **Jeff Jamawat** gave a Pennsylvania Avenue tour to George Washington University planning students taking a class taught by the General Services Administration's **Eliza Voigt**. NCPC staff is collaborating with federal and local partners to draft a Request For Proposal for consultant services to advance the Initiative.

Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

In April, the Commission reviewed and authorized the release of Draft Small-Scale Elements Streetscape Design Guidelines for a 60-day public comment period that runs from April 17 to June 20, 2023. NCPC will host two virtual public meetings: Tuesday, May 9, at 12:30-1:30 pm and Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00-7:30 pm. On April 20, staff provided an information presentation to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. On May 17, the Interagency Working Group will meet to advance the construction manual update work.

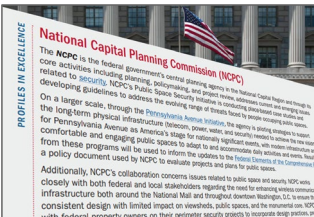


Arlington County

Staff provided advisory federal interest comments to the Arlington County Community Planning, Housing, & Development Department on the proposed 2025 Fairfax Drive – Wakefield Manor development project, which is subject to a 1982 Arlington County Board resolution on views from the National Mall (“Resolution of Concern Regarding Building Heights Related to the National Capital Mall Axis”). Staff commented on potential impacts on the primary east-west vista from the National Mall to the Western Horizon as identified in the Urban Design Element's Technical Addendum.

Profiles in Excellence

NCPC was featured in the [Interagency Security Committee \(ISC\) 2022 Annual Review Report's Profiles in Excellence](#). The 2022 Annual Review includes a collection of ISC member profiles which highlight the impactful work being conducted by departments and agencies in the security field. These pieces are associated with several areas of importance in which the ISC is excelling: expertise and guidance, capacity building, assessments and analysis and security operations.



Public Outreach

APA Student Design Competition

The Executive Director welcomed the participants and audience at the APA Student Design Competition session at the National Planning Conference in Philadelphia on behalf of the APA Urban Design and Preservation Division. The Executive Director served as one of the organizers of the annual competition, which focused on the Logan Square Neighborhood in the host city of Philadelphia. In addition, three NCPC staff members, Policy and Research Division Director **Michael Sherman** and Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold** and **Melissa Lindsjo**, served as part of the competition's volunteer initial jury. Congratulations to the student team from Arizona State University, the winners of this year's competition!



American Planning Association Webinar

On Wednesday April 26, Urban Design and Plan Review Director **Diane Sullivan**, joined **Carlton Hart**, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Senior Urban Planner; **Eliza Voigt**, General Services Administration Office of Planning and Design Quality Planning and NEPA Branch Chief; and **Elliott Garrett**, District Department of Transportation Public Space Regulation Associate Director on a webinar titled “Small Cells/Big Plans – Making Sense of Digital Infrastructure.” The panel, part of the American Planning Association's Online Conference, discussed the growing demand for wireless technology and the need for wireless infrastructure to improve connectivity. The session focused on local and federal planners' response to the potential impact of new small cell infrastructure on the city's aesthetics, streets, and spaces and how planners are working with providers to design and place new infrastructure.





Canadian Delegation

On April 17, Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** and Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold**, and **Melissa Lindjsö** met with a delegation from the Canadian government to discuss the Pennsylvania Avenue and Public Space and Security initiatives. The visit included a tour of Pennsylvania Avenue, with stops at Freedom Plaza, the White House, and at the Department of Commerce to review perimeter security measures. The Canadian delegation included **Rob Wright**, Assistant Deputy Minister Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC); **Duncan Retson**, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, PSPC; **Matthew Shea**, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Ministerial Services and Corporate Affairs, Privy Council Office; and **Mike MacDonald**, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Security and Intelligence Secretariat, Privy Council Office.



Charter School Presentation on Commemoration

Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** presented virtually to the Genesee Charter School 6th grade class on issues of access and equity in commemoration, and how *Beyond Granite* will impact Washington's memorial space this summer. The Rochester, NY class is exploring how diverse artists can share their work publicly and how access to arts and culture is often driven by location and economics, both issues *Beyond Granite* seeks to address.



Fulbright Student Site Visit

On Friday, April 21, NCPC hosted two groups of 25 Fulbright international graduate students. Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller**, Urban Planner **Jeff Jamawat**, American Society of Landscape Architects Secretariat **Curtis Millay**, and ZGF Architects Principal **Otto Condon** led one group that learned about the Pennsylvania Avenue and SW Ecodistrict initiatives and toured 10th Street, SW and Banneker Park. Policy and Research Division Director **Michael Sherman** and Urban Planners **Karin Schierhold** and **Johanna McCrehan** presented the Pennsylvania Avenue and *Beyond Granite* Initiatives, toured Pennsylvania Avenue, and discussed the role and impacts of commemoration on the Avenue, and how that relates to the *Beyond Granite* work this summer.



National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

On Thursday, April 27, NCPC hosted *Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day* with several events for the kids scheduled throughout the day. The kids took part in an office tour and scavenger hunt; and “build it”, “design it”, and “color it” activities. The fun day provided an opportunity to encourage our future innovators and culminated with certificates and a group photo.



Ben Turpin

Personnel

NCPC Welcomes New Community Planner

Ben Turpin joined the Physical Planning Division as an urban planner. Ben has a background in landscape architecture and community planning. Originally from Virginia, Ben is returning to the National Capital Region from Boston where he worked as a planner for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center. He previously practiced as a landscape architect with private firms in Boston and Richmond, Virginia, and spent time in Yosemite National Park working with the National Park Service on design and historic preservation projects. Ben received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Virginia Tech and a Master's in City Planning from MIT's Joint Program in City Design and Development.