



NIH Building 16 (1.)

## 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 building plans for the National Institutes of Health Building 16 Exterior Repairs, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8650)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Text Amendment to Subtitles B, D-F and I. (ZC 24-20)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Technical Corrections to Title 11 DC Zoning Regulations. (ZC 08-06R)

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 and building plans for the National Gallery of Art West Building North Portico Banner Hardware Replacement, 6th Street, NW and Constitution Avenue, NW. (8651)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the National Institutes of Health Buildings 37 and 41 Rooftop Mounted Solar Arrays, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8649)

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## Planning Updates



### Safe and Beautiful Task Force

On Monday, April 7, the Executive Director attended a Task Force meeting to implement Executive Order 14252, *Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful*. As directed in the Executive Order, NCPC will work with the Department of the Interior and other agencies to assess beautification efforts in the capital's monumental core.

### NCPC Hosts Flood Workshop



On April 10, NCPC hosted a workshop for the Potomac River Flooding Initiative facilitated by consultants from Moffat Nichols and NCPC Flooding and Resilience Initiative Director **Julia Koster**. Attendees included representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DC Water/Blue Plains, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Fort McNair, District Department of Energy & Environment, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Washington Headquarter Services, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. They learned about flood risk planning, models, and standards at facilities along the Potomac River; actively shared information and discussed similarities and differences in flood protection strategies; and considered areas of alignment. The workshop will inform a report on current flood risk strategies at facilities along the Washington side of the Potomac River.



Sakura Matsuri Festival

## **Pennsylvania Avenue Spring Events**

Spring is in full bloom on the Avenue. Festival season kicked off on April 12-13 with Sakura Matsuri, a two-day Japanese Street Festival that celebrated and wrapped up the weeks long Cherry Blossom Festival. On April 13, the Avenue hosted DC Emancipation Day festivities, including a parade, concert, and fireworks. With both festivals happening at the same time, the weekend provided a unique example of the breadth of events the Avenue typically hosts each year. As design consultants assess opportunities to improve the Avenue's infrastructure, they will consider a range of event needs, including how to best accommodate multiple events simultaneously.

## **Streetscape Guide Release in Spring**

The Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Construction Manual (Streetscape Guide) addresses a range of public space and streetscape topics, from the urban scale of entryways leading into Washington, DC to the human scale of pavements, plantings, and streetscape furnishings. The Streetscape Guide is a critical tool for federal and District agencies to coordinate and craft a safe, timeless, and cohesive public realm. Nearly a dozen agencies collaborated to prepare the document that will be released this spring. Over time, as multiple agencies use this document to guide streetscape improvements, the public realm's quality will improve, elevating the beauty of Washington's monumental core for decades to come.

