



Photovoltaic System (CW Harris Elementary School) (2)



Capitol Gateway (4)



5201 Hayes Street, NE (5)



315 H Street, NE (8)

Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Chairman approved one item under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Finds that plans for the transfer of jurisdiction of two parcels of land and five easements from the General Services Administration to the District of Columbia are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7724)

During the past month, the Executive Director approved eight items, all located in Washington, DC, under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Finds that plans for the closing of a public alley and easement establishment in Square 697, Lot 46, K Street, L Street, Half Street, and South Capitol Street, SW, Washington, DC are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7723)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for photovoltaic solar systems on various schools in the District of Columbia by the District of Columbia Department of General Services. (7725)
3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for photovoltaic solar systems on various schools in the District of Columbia by the District of Columbia Department of General Services. (7726)
4. Finds that plans for the Capitol Gateway Overlay at Square 700, Lots 43 and 886 (SQ 700 LLC) are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 15-23)
5. Finds that plans for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 5197, Lot 809, (Deanwood Hills, LLC) 5201 Hayes Street, NE, are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 15-10)
6. Finds that plans for Phase 1 of a Planned Unit Development Modification at Parcel 121/31 (Conference Center Associates I, LLC) Irving Street, NE and Michigan Avenue, NE, are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 08-33C)
7. Finds that plans for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 3788 (Comstock Street, LLC), 6th Street, NE, 7th Street, NE, and Ava Circle, NE, are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 15-04)
8. Finds that plans for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development at Square 777, Lots 24-28, 813-815 (MRP Realty), 315 H Street, NE, are not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 15-07)



PLANNING UPDATES

21st Century Memorial Design Competition

The National Park Service and NCPC have agreed to partner to conduct a 21st Century Memorial Design Competition. The competition would explore what a 21st century memorial might look like in Washington, DC. The existing process for permanent memorials in Washington has resulted in projects that are often thematically similar, expensive, time-consuming, and land intensive. The competition would explore alternative typologies and themes that are under-represented in the capital's memorial landscape, while engaging a broad and diverse audience. The 21st century memorial might be temporary, temporal, virtual, event-focused, flexible, and/or interactive. The competition would solicit proposals at a concept level that portrays the 21st century memorial within the city.



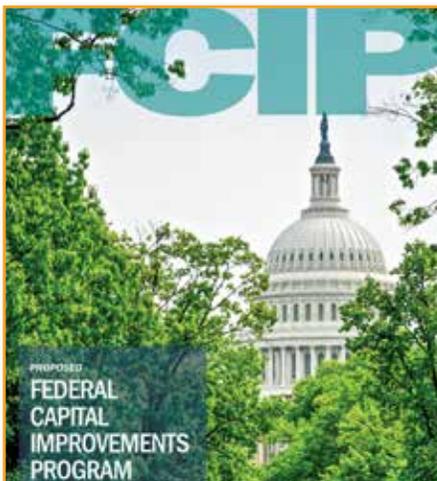
Banneker Park

SW Ecodistrict

The newly formed SW Business Improvement District (SW BID) held its first annual community breakfast on October 7, 2015. **Geoffrey Griffis**, the SW BID's founding member and Chairman of the Board of Directors, **Steve Moore**, the SW BID's Executive Director, and **Dawud Abdur-Rahman**, Director of Planning and Management Office of Planning and Design Quality at the General Services Administration spoke about the community, its growth, and the importance of the SW BID. All three speakers acknowledged the work of the SW Ecodistrict Initiative and the National Capital Planning Commission and supported the BID's involvement in implementing the SW Ecodistrict vision.

Banneker Connection Update

NCPC and the National Park Service, as cooperating agencies, partnered with Hoffman-Madison Waterfront to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Benjamin Banneker Park Pedestrian Access Improvements. The team recently revised the proposed alternatives for the Banneker Connection based on federal and local agency feedback and public comments. The revised alternatives will be presented at a Section 106 consulting parties meeting on November 12, 2015. The Environmental Analysis and Section 106 work is scheduled to be completed in early 2016, and improvements are anticipated to be constructed in the summer of 2017.



Federal Capital Improvement Program (FCIP) Summary of Funded Projects for Fiscal Years 2015–2020

The FCIP report is prospective, providing comments on projects that agencies submit to OMB for inclusion in the President's budget. NCPC also compiles information from agencies in the National Capital Region (NCR) on capital improvements receiving appropriations. The recently posted FY 2015 funded projects report lists eight capital projects included in the President's budget and appropriated funds from Congress for the same fiscal year. GSA's Saint Elizabeths West Campus-DHS Consolidation received the largest appropriation \$250,534,000.



Zoning Regulation Rewrite

NCPC transmitted its comments on the District's proposed zoning code rewrite to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission in early September. On October 21, the District Office of Planning (DCOP) provided the Zoning Commission with a summary report and recommendations based on the comments that were received during the public comment period. DCOP has proposed that the Zoning Commission accept all of the recommendations forwarded by the NCPC. The Zoning Commission has scheduled a meeting for November 16 to discuss DCOP's recommendations.

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

NCPC, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Executive Committee, is working with Sasaki Associates and their sub-consultant HR&A Economic Advisors to prepare economic and urban design framework strategies for Pennsylvania Avenue. The group recently finalized the work plan and is preparing an economic market study. Additional work will explore alternative programming and physical improvements to enliven and improve the conditions of the avenue.



Results of this effort will help inform and scope a future update to the 1974 *Pennsylvania Avenue Plan*. In the interim, NCPC is also working with the Committee's staff to identify how to improve near-term maintenance operations and building/commercial use permitting along the avenue. NCPC staff plans to provide an information presentation on the Initiative to the Commission at its December 3 meeting.

Small Parks Study

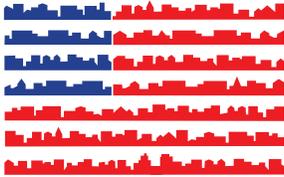
The National Park Service (NPS) and NCPC continue their work on the Small Parks Management Study for approximately 300 NPS sites within the District of Columbia. This work complements the *CapitalSpace Plan* completed by NPS, NCPC, and the District of Columbia in 2010. Recently, staff attended a visioning workshop hosted by NPS staff to address goals and objectives for small parks in the District of Columbia.

NCPC Hosts DC Silver Jackets

On October 20, NCPC hosted the DC Silver Jackets Team for its October meeting. The DC Silver Jackets is an interagency team focused on reducing flood risk in the District and is comprised of members from federal, District of Columbia, and regional agencies, as well as academia. NCPC Urban Planner **Nick Bonard** presented to the group, describing how NCPC works to reduce flood risk to federal facilities in the region. The group also received updates on the levee certification process, the soon-to-be-released Flood Inundation Maps, and a presentation from FEMA's **Stephanie Bray** on new guidance for federal agencies to consider before building in or near floodplains as part of Executive Order 13690.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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Comprehensive Plan

NCPC is currently seeking comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan at www.ncpc.gov/compplan. In October 2015, the Commission released the updated Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* for a 60-day public comment period that ends on December 7, 2015. Staff plans to bring the full plan (minus the Open Space Element) to the Commission for final adoption in January 2016. The Parks & Open Space Element will be updated in FY 2016-2017 after the completion of the Small Parks Management Study being developed by NCPC and National Park Service staff.



Gold Star Mothers Monument Public Comment

The Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation proposes to establish a permanent commemorative work honoring the sacrifice of Gold Star Mothers, whose children perished during military service. The Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation, in cooperation with the National Park Service identified the belvedere immediately south of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge in Washington, DC and two sites near the Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center for consideration as a site for the Gold Star Mothers Monument. The public is invited to comment at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/gwmp on the proposed establishment of a monument in Washington, DC or in Arlington, Virginia and to identify potential issues or concerns for consideration in the Environmental Assessment. A public meeting at the Women in Military Service to America Memorial in Arlington, VA will be held November 17 at 6:30 pm.



Ottawa in the Spotlight

On October 6-8, NCPC hosted **Dr. Mark Kristmanson**, CEO, and **Steve Willis**, Executive Director of Capital Planning from the National Capital Commission, NCPC's Canadian counterpart in Ottawa. NCPC arranged for multiple meetings with staff and other agencies to share ideas and to learn how a similar Canadian agency operates. On October 6, NCPC hosted the speaker series event *A Capital City Conversation: Ottawa* where Dr. Mark Kristmanson and Steve Willis presented on current projects and planning in Ottawa and then discussed the distinct issues the two capital cities face with NCPC's Executive Director.

Website Redesign

The Office of Public Engagement (OPE) is redesigning the NCPC website to make it a more user-friendly, interactive, secure, and useful information source. OPE recently completed interviews with internal staff who provided valuable feedback and suggestions on how to improve the site. Over the next months, staff will interview partner agencies, project applicants, website development experts, and media contacts for their input. OPE is also soliciting suggestions and comments from the general public at www.ncpc.gov.

Website Redesign

NCPC seeks input on
website improvements





NCPC at Local Universities

On October 21, architect **Ken Walton** and urban planner **Meghan Spigle** were invited by Catholic University to attend an architecture studio critique to provide urbanism, transportation, and planning feedback and advise on students' independent thesis projects. On the same day, Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** led a Washington landscape tour for 50 students from the University of Miami (FL) on a semester of study at American University.

PERSONNEL

We say goodbye and express our thanks to **Cheryl Kelly** for her many contributions and service to NCPC as a community planner over the last eight years. Ms. Kelly has accepted a new position at the Department of the Interior HQ, in the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.