



St. Elizabeths West Campus (1)



General Services Administration Bldg (2)



FBI Headquarters, 1974



## Report of the Executive Director

During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority:

1. Approved final site and building plans for the Center Building – East Entry at the U.S. General Services Administration St. Elizabeths West Campus, United States Department of Homeland Security, 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. (7816)
2. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for an interim accessibility ramp at Entrance E on 10th Street at a United States General Services Administration building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. (7828)
3. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for the Agricultural Research Service's Paint Branch Fish Passage Restoration at I-495 in Beltsville, MD. (7830)
4. Approved a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding the Inclusionary Zoning Exemptions and Minimum Income Targets Text Amendment. (ZC 04-33H)

### PLANNING UPDATES

#### **FBI Headquarters Site Consolidation and Exchange—Squares 378 and 379**

The Commission approved the draft Square Guidelines at the October 6 meeting and directed staff to release the approved guidelines for a 30-day public comment period. NCPC is accepting public comments on the draft Square Guidelines through November 10. Considering final comments received from agency stakeholders and the public, the final Square Guidelines will be presented at the Commission's December 1 meeting. Meeting materials and resources prepared to date are available on NCPC's website at: [www.ncpc.gov/project/fbisq/](http://www.ncpc.gov/project/fbisq/).

#### **Smart Cities PA2040 Project**

On October 20, 2016 the NCPC Executive Director Marcel Acosta attended a PA2040 event hosted by the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) to celebrate the launch of free Wi-Fi and the environmental smart sensors on Pennsylvania Avenue west of the White House. The event was attended by Mayor Muriel Bowser and Cisco CEO Chuck Robbins, a corporate partner in the PA2040 initiative. This phase of the PA2040 project will install environmental sensors that monitor air quality, temperature, and humidity. The ultimate goal of the PA2040 project is to provide a better, more rewarding experience to everyone who uses the corridor – visitors, workers, and businesses, as well as the local and federal governments.

PA2040 is a Smart Cities project led by a public-private partnership team that includes: DC-Net (Office of the Chief Technology Officer), the Golden Triangle BID, NCPC, George Washington University, Cisco Inc., and Sensity Inc. The PA2040 project branched out of NCPC's Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative and the Global Cities Teams Challenge (GCTC). The GCTC is an on-going "Smart Cities" initiative designed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to create a set of standards for cities planning smart city projects.



### **Joint NPS/NCPC Small Parks Management Plan Study**

The NPS/NCPC Small Parks Management Plan study was initiated in 2016 with the following objectives:

- Evaluate the inventory of over 300 parcels under NPS ownership,
- Determine the purpose and significance of each site,
- Identify the fundamental cultural and natural resources,
- Develop a Cultural Landscape Inventory, define appropriate uses for each site,
- Develop a menu of management mechanisms and partnership opportunities, and
- Define next steps toward implementation of the plan.

The NPS/NCPC Small Parks Management Plan will also identify 10 new sites for inclusion in the planned update for the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*. Staff met with NPS and their consultant on the small parks study on October 3, 2016 to discuss next steps and final schedule. The study and final report are expected to be complete by December, 2016.



### **National Memorial Advisory Commission**

On October 4, 2016 staff attended the National Memorial Advisory Commission meeting and provided comments on the following proposed commemorative works: HR 4564, a Bill to rename reservation 302 to Robert Emmet Park; HR 5437, a Bill to re-designate Gravelly Point Park, located along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington County, Virginia, to the “Nancy Reagan Memorial Park;” HR 5684, a Bill to authorize modification or augmentation of the Second Division Memorial to place three benches honoring the members of the Second Infantry Division killed in the Cold War in Korea, the War in Iraq, and the War in Afghanistan; HR 5999 a Bill to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia. Staff also provided consultation on design concepts for the Gold Star Mother’s Memorial (Public Law 112-239).



### **DC Comprehensive Plan**

Staff continues to collaborate with the DC Office of Planning (OP) on the District Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. OP is amending the District’s Comprehensive Plan, a 20-year framework that guides future growth and development in the city and shapes the places we live, work, shop, and play. OP launched the second amendment cycle to the Comprehensive Plan this year to ensure that the Plan remains responsive to the needs of the community and to solicit public input on the amendment process. OP is hosting a series of seven community meetings between October 19 and November 14.



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## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

### NCPC on the Kojo Nnamdi Show

NCPC Executive Director **Marcel Acosta** and District of Columbia Office of Planning Director **Eric Shaw** joined the Kojo Nnamdi show on October 3 to speak about the future of the FBI Headquarters site on Pennsylvania Avenue. The discussion revolved around the legacy of the brutalist J. Edgar Hoover building, the potential for Pennsylvania Avenue following redevelopment, and the Square Guidelines proposed by NCPC. The two planners also fielded call-in questions from guests.



### International Delegation Visits

On October 7, 2016, Planning and Research Division Director **Mike Sherman** presented to representatives from the Chinese Changchun Institute of Urban Planning and Design. The discussion focused on NCPC's organization and projects, policy and cross-agency coordination mechanisms in DC planning, decision making, project review and approval in urban development projects and best practices of environmental protection in the United States.

On October 26, 2016, Urban Planner **Meghan Spigle** met with the Shandong Province Department of Housing and Rural and Urban Development. The presentation focused on sustainable planning efforts within NCPC's *SW Ecodistrict Plan* and regional flood mitigation efforts.

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## PERSONNEL

### New Job Opening

The National Capital Planning Commission is recruiting for a Historic Preservation Specialist to serve as the Commission's Designated Federal Historic Preservation Officer for purposes of the program established pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. NCPC received applications from October 19 – October 31.

