



Winter Pavilion (8119)

Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Winter Pavilion - Winter Arc, 912 17th Street, NW. (8119)



Hawaii Avenue (ZC 19-01)

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. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Parcel 124-77, 1 Hawaii Avenue, NE. (ZC 19-01)
2. Comments on concept plans for the Pentagon 911 Memorial lighting repair project, 1 N Rotary Road, Arlington, Virginia. (8121)

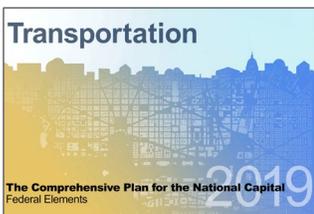


Pentagon 9/11 Memorial (8121)

Planning Updates

Transportation Element

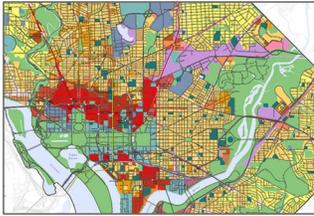
During the October 3, 2019 meeting, the Commission approved the release of the draft update of the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Transportation Element for a 60-day public comment period. Staff hosted a public open house on October 7 and conducted a workshop with federal and local stakeholders on October 8 to discuss the revised policies and the following guiding principles which serve as the element's organizational framework: (1) Advance an Interconnected Transportation System that Meets Regional Planning Goals and Objectives; (2) Integrate a Range of Equitable Mobility Options to Improve Transportation Access throughout the Region; (3) Connect Transportation and Land Use to Encourage Responsible Development Patterns; and (4) Promote Efficient and Sustainable Travel to Federal Destinations. The comment period closes on November 12, 2019 and staff anticipates submitting a revised Transportation Element to the Commission for adoption early in 2020.



District of Columbia's Shared Dockless Vehicle Program

Staff provided comments on the District Department of Transportation's 2020 Terms and Conditions (T&C) for the District's Shared Dockless Vehicle Program. The T&C sets 2020 permit conditions for the total number of permitted dockless scooters, required data to be submitted by vendors, safety strategies for preventing battery tampering, requirements for deployment zones and vehicle pickup times and locations. Federal agencies are concerned about dockless vehicles being left on federal land, including the National Mall, near memorials and museums, and in areas around federal buildings. NCPC noted issues regarding vehicle staging and parking, as well as increases in the total number of dockless vehicles, and recommended continued coordination with adjacent jurisdictions, and an increase in the oversight and guidance of dockless vehicle vendors and users.





Future Land Use Map

Comprehensive Plan: District Elements

On October 15, the DC Office of Planning released amendments to the Comprehensive Plan's District Elements for a 60-day public comment period which closes on December 20, 2019. The DC Council previously passed amendments to the plan's Framework Element on October 8. The Comprehensive Plan is a high-level guidance document that sets a positive, long-term vision for the District through the lens of its physical growth and change. It is divided into 25 elements and two maps, the Future Land Use Map and the Generalized Policy Map. NCPC will review the Framework Element at its December or January meeting, and certify to the DC Council whether the element has a negative impact on federal interests.



National Children's Museum,
Pennsylvania Avenue

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Initiative's Executive Committee continues to explore unique programming ideas to make the Avenue an arts, culture, and entertainment destination. In addition, two new projects will bring new life to the Avenue. On the west end, the National Children's Museum at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center is expected to open in November 2019. John Hopkins University is purchasing the Newseum building and converting it into their Washington campus for graduate programs. The Commission expects to review the plan amendment, which is required to reuse the Newseum for John Hopkins University, at the December meeting.



National Mall

Public Outreach

Architectural Design and Plans for the National Mall

On October 23, 2019, the Executive Director joined representatives from the DC Office of Planning, the Commission of Fine Arts, the Architect of the Capitol, and the National Park Service at *Architectural Design and Plans for the National Mall, Past, Present, and Future* held at the University Club in Washington, DC. Together, panelists provided an overview of the history, ongoing preservation, and future vision of the National Mall. A moderated panel discussion followed the presentations.



The High Line, NYC

Open to the Public

Following up from last month's colloquium on security and access in public space, on November 1 NCPC staff made a field trip to New York City. They met with members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Department of Transportation, and Public Design Commission. They toured high traffic public spaces that have to deal with safety, security, and access issues. Times Square Pedestrian Plaza, the High Line, and the Flat Iron Pedestrian Plaza were some of the sites visited. The NYPD refers to security recommendations listed in NCPC's 2002 *National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan*.



Modernist Landscape

Modernist Landscapes in the Spotlight

NCPC's **Julia Koster** and **Sarah Ridgely** co-wrote an article on Modernist landscapes in Washington, DC which was publicly released this month in *Avenues, Volume 2: Spatial Equality*, a publication of the DC Chapter of American Institute of Architects. The article explored landscapes designed and developed in the second half of the 20th century, which are characterized by unique hardscape and sculptural elements in urban settings.



Beijing

Chinese Delegations

On November 5, the 20-member Beijing Foreign Affairs Group visited NCPC to learn about the agency and the design and function of urban public space. Policy and Research Director **Michael Sherman** and Urban Planner **Surina Singh** gave an overview of NCPC and shared recent documentation on public space and safety. They encored the presentation the following day when the Nanjing Planning and Natural Resources Bureau visited to learn more about NCPC's practices and experiences in urban public space planning and design and land use policies.



Congressman Cummings

Personnel

Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

We note with sadness the passing of Congressman **Elijah Cummings**, Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and an ex-officio member of the Commission. Representative Cummings was an inspiring leader, and leaves a legacy of exemplary public service. NCPC extends its condolences to the Congressman's family, friends, and colleagues.

NCPC Says Farewell to Urban Planner

Urban Planner **Vivian Lee** recently left NCPC's Urban Design & Plan Review Division to work with the General Services Administration as an architect in its Office of Planning & Design Quality, National Capital Region. Projects Vivian worked on at NCPC include the Eisenhower Memorial modification; Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum rehabilitation; FDA White Oak Master Plan; Harry S Truman Building Perimeter Security improvements; and the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda-Master Site Development. NCPC thanks Vivian for her contributions and wishes her well in her new position.



Vivian Lee