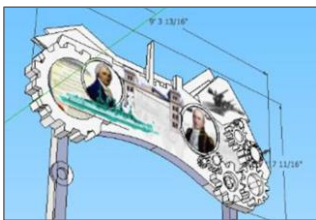


Suitland Federal Center (1.)



Art Installation in Anacostia Park (2.)


Armed Forces Retirement Home
Generator Enclosure (4.)

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 development plans for the Temporary Public Art Installation in Anacostia Park, Section D, Located along the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail and Anacostia Drive, SE. (7808)
2. Preliminary building plans for the Washington Navy Yard Building 157 Renovation, 900 M Street, SE. (8501)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Armed Forces Retirement Home Generator Enclosure, 3700 North Capitol Street, NW. (8503)
4. Final site and building plans for the Alice Deal Middle School Classroom Addition, 3815 Fort Drive, NW. (8485)
5. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Suitland Federal Center Perimeter Improvements, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland. (8493)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Square 397, Lot 30, 1515 9th Street, NW. (ZC 23-06)

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 Fort Belvoir Remote Inspection Facility Lane Extension. (8499)
2. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Alteration of Building Restriction lines along Fern Street, NW, in Square 2950 - S.O. 23-06301, 1200 Fern Street, NW. (8505)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Squares 5246 and 5273. (ZC 22-38)
4. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Square 3657, Lots 11 and 830, 701 Michigan Avenue, NE. (ZC 23-07)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

Responses to the Pennsylvania Avenue Implementation Program Request for Proposals (RFP) were due October 20, 2023. The selection process is progressing; NCPC expects to execute a contract early next year. The first RFP focuses on stewardship and the business case for the Avenue. The second RFP is expected to be released in December 2023, focusing on design and infrastructure improvements along the corridor and adjoining public spaces.

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center

In October, the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center held a grand opening on Pennsylvania Avenue at the former Newseum site. The new 435,000-SF higher education facility is home to the School of Advanced International Studies, Carey Business School, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Peabody Institute, and School of Government and Policy. With evening and weekend classes, JHU is a new anchor and neighbor on the east end of the Avenue.





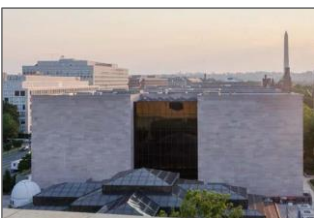
Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

In October, the Interagency Working Group met to continue development of the Draft Small-Scale Streetscape Guidelines to prepare for Commission and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts review in Spring 2024. District Department Of Transportation (DDOT) staff provided a briefing on their EV approach, efforts, and priorities across the District while Stantec, the lighting consultant, provided an update on progress to the LED Streetlight Specifications. NCPC staff continues to advance the update of the Construction Manual, as well as the Companion Streetscape Review Guide in coordination with DDOT and the DC Office of Planning.



National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission Meeting

On October 4, the [National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission](#) (NCMAC) reviewed the Women's Suffrage National Monument site selection plan. The site selection study further examined six sites, which include Freedom Plaza West; Freedom Plaza East; Madison Drive; and 12 Street, NW; U.S. Capitol Grounds, NW, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and the 10th Street Promenade. NCMAC also reviewed H.R. 1318 and S.886, bills to authorize the location of a monument on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution; and H.R. 2717, a bill to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients. As the Commemorative Works Act states that no new memorials are allowed in the Reserve area, which includes the National Mall, there was much discussion among the Commissioners around the need to add important stories to this symbolic place without compromising the National Mall's open spaces.



Construct Integrated Bezos Learning Center

On November 1, the Smithsonian Institution and NCPC held an online joint NEPA Public Scoping/Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting #2 as part of the initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Construct Integrated Bezos Learning Center project, an addition to the National Air and Space Museum's east end on the National Mall. Smithsonian and NCPC staff will host a site tour on November 6 from 9:30–10:30 am. Public comments will be accepted concerning the scope of issues to address in the Environmental Assessment through Monday, November 16, 2023. More information is available online at <https://www.ncpc.gov/projects/8351/>.

Public Outreach



Downtown DC Public Realm Plan Briefing

On October 24, the DC Office of Planning (DCOP) briefed NCPC staff on their work to develop the *Downtown DC Public Realm Plan*. DCOP has engaged Gehl, an urban design and research firm, as consultants for this plan to explore how to foster an inclusive, vibrant, and prosperous public realm in Downtown DC. A major focus of this effort is rethinking the form and function of Downtown DC's streets and public spaces, and through an extensive public engagement process the team has proposed recommendations for six catalytic projects. The briefing was an opportunity for DCOP and NCPC staff to discuss areas for continued coordination including the NCPC initiative focused on Pennsylvania Avenue and other projects.



NCPC's 2024 Centennial

NCPC staff met with expert historians, scholars, and public sector professionals on the development of a physical exhibit that will examine the agency's role in shaping Washington, DC's built environment and its impacts on residents over the past 100 years. The exhibit will be on display at MLK Library and other public institutions in 2024. Staff also "soft launched" the [Centennial digital library](#) that includes over 70 plans, maps, laws, and reports that influenced the region's development. The library will continue to be updated. Comments and feedback are welcome.



AIA DC Regional & Urban Design Symposium

On October 19 at the American Institute of Architects Regional and Urban Design Committee symposium in Washington DC, the Executive Director participated in a session panel titled *Adapting for Tomorrow: How Can Public Spaces Prepare for Future Challenges?* and presented on Civic Spaces in Transition, which included the way *Beyond Granite: Pulling Together* shifted perspectives of the National Mall, and how the Pennsylvania Avenue initiative is focused on revitalizing America's Civic Stage. Also participating in the session were keynote speaker **Gia Biagi** (Urbanism, Studio Gang); panelists **David A. Rubin** (DAVID RUBIN and Land Collective), and **Severn Clay-Youman** (Civic Architecture Workshop). **Peter Darby** (Darby Architecture) moderated.

Also that day Urban Planner **Jeff Jamawat** presented and moderated a regional panel titled *Public Space Boosters: Unmasking Lessons Learned Since 2020*. He was joined by **Adam Dodgshon** (Prince George's County), **Alex Krefetz** (DC Office of Planning), and **Katye North** (City of Alexandria), the panel shared opportunities and strategies to transform the public realm to be more vibrant, inclusive, and economically resilient post-pandemic. On the symposium's second day, Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold** led a walking tour of Pennsylvania Avenue with National Park Service's **Yue Li** and ZGF Architects' **Otto Condon**. Participants discussed the opportunities for public space enhancement and infrastructure investment in the New Pennsylvania Avenue Plan currently underway.



NCPC 101 Virtual Training

Urban Design and Plan Review Division Urban Planners **Stephanie Free** and **Michael Weil** held two "NCPC 101" virtual training sessions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Each session included over 40 participants from the Corps. The purpose of the sessions was to familiarize USACE staff with NCPC's mission, review process, and to help facilitate future project coordination. The briefings are part of NCPC's ongoing efforts to strengthen relationships with partner federal agencies.

Public Resource Reform Board Briefing

On October 16, NCPC staff met with the Public Resource Reform Board (PRRB). PRRB was established by statute on December 16, 2016 as an independent board to identify opportunities for the federal government to significantly reduce its inventory of civilian real property and reduce costs. NCPC previously met with the Board in January. Recent topics of discussion included the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, the Southwest Ecodistrict Plan which NCPC approved in 2016, and museum location planning and opportunities for federal properties. The Board is responsible for making recommendations on potential consolidations, property disposal and redevelopment. NCPC will continue to coordinate with the Board as agency initiatives advance.





National Mall of Pickleball 2023

For the first time ever on the National Mall, the Trust for the National Mall partnered with HUMANA to roll out nine temporary pickleball courts on the JFK Hockey Fields from September 28 – 30. The pickleball courts were free for the public to enjoy. The original vision for the National Mall includes recreation for all, so Policy & Research Division staff visited the courts to test out this trending new sport!