



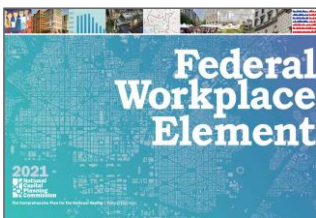
Internal Revenue Service Building (1.)



Pentagon Center Courtyard Stage (3.)



BARC Building 005 (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 Internal Revenue Service Building Entrance E Accessible Ramp, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW. (8588)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Deep Energy Retrofit, Project 6 - Wright Buildings, Prettyman Courthouse, Bryant Courthouse Annex. (8591)
3. Final site and building plans for the Pentagon Center Courtyard Stage and Stairs Modifications, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. (8524)
4. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Building 005 Modernization, 10500 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (8539)

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 building plans for the Fort McNair Eisenhower Hall Improvements, 408 4th Avenue SW. (8594)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Temporary Murals, 99 New York Avenue, NE. (8597)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment from MU-4 to MU-7A at Square 5765, Lot 1015, 1603 Marion Barry Avenue, SE. (ZC 24-03)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Selects a Landscape Architecture Firm

NCPC and the project partners selected landscape architecture firm DAVID RUBIN Land Collective (Land Collective) to lead the design development of the public space master plan for Pennsylvania Avenue. Land Collective will address the redesign of the corridor, parks, and plazas along the Avenue to support the Avenue as a signature venue and a dynamic and friendly pedestrian destination. Their team brings design excellence and technical expertise in landscape architecture, urban design, and planning of environmentally and socially sustainable public spaces. With this selection, Land Collective joins HR&A Advisors, the programming and stewardship consultants selected earlier this year, to advance the Pennsylvania Avenue vision and concept design using the public comments received in 2022.

Changing Federal Footprint

NCPC, in partnership with the Public Buildings Reform Board, is jointly studying the opportunities and impacts of a changing federal footprint in Washington, DC. To help with this effort, NCPC is working with consultants from the Urban Land Institute of Washington (ULI) and HR&A Advisors. NCPC will work with ULI to review and analyze the opportunities for alternative land use, potential redevelopment strategies, and other considerations. NCPC will work with HR&A Advisors to explore different models to address the changing federal footprint in the nation's capital. Findings from the project will help to inform potential consolidation and redevelopment of federal assets in Washington, DC and inform updates to the *Federal Workplace Element of the Comprehensive Plan*.



Monumental Core Interagency Working Group

On October 6, NCPC, along with members of the Monumental Core Interagency Working Group representing the Smithsonian Institution, National Park Service, General Services Administration, DC Office of Planning, and ZGF Architects led a full-day tour during the American Society of Landscape Architect's National Conference. The tour provided insight into the role of the public sector in designing and stewarding the national capital's most important civic landscapes. Participants appreciated the tour, which highlighted several downtown public space initiatives and federal security projects, such as Black Lives Matter Plaza, the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, the National Mall, Independence Avenue, Smithsonian Gardens, National World War I and Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorials, and the SW Ecodistrict.

Public Outreach

NCPC Wins Awards

The *Beyond Granite: Pulling Together* exhibition from the summer of 2023 won the American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter (APA NCAC) Outstanding Project Award. The exhibition was a pilot of the larger Beyond Granite initiative to expand representation in Washington's commemorative landscape and is a partnership led by the Trust for the National Mall with the National Park Service and NCPC. In addition to the award, staff presented at the conference with the DC Office of Planning to discuss federal and district commemoration processes and community engagement techniques.

Beyond Granite: Pulling Together was subsequently recognized as a "Vision Award" Winner by The Committee of 100 for the Federal City at their awards ceremony on October 17 at the United Church of Christ at 945 G Street NW. The award is dedicated to the Trust for the National Mall and partners for contributing to the protection and enhancement of the city's unique sense of place and character.

NCPC's *Workplace Scenario Planning Study* was the recipient of the 2024 APA NCAC Chapter Planning Award for Outstanding Planning Tool. In addition to the award, staff presented at the conference with the project team describing the study methodology, key findings, and its use as a decision-making framework.

Staff also presented at the APA NCAC Fall Conference on embedding equity in federal planning throughout the National Capital Region. Presenters explored the history and purpose of the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements, described NCPC's framework for embedding equity into the Comprehensive Plan, and demonstrated innovative techniques for identifying and engaging community stakeholders near federal installations.

APA Conference Keynote Panel

On October 11, the Executive Director moderated the keynote panel *The Power of Partnership: The Federal-Local Relationship* at the American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter's Annual Conference. The panel looked at the impact of the federal-local relationship on decision-making and development and how this might evolve in the future. Participating regional planning leaders included **Anthony Fusarelli**, Arlington County; **Anita Cozart**, District of Columbia; **Lakisha Hull**, Prince George's County; **Jason Sartori**, Montgomery County; **Clark Mercer**, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Also at the conference, Urban Planners **Melissa Lindsjo**, **Johanna McCrehan**, **Chrishaun Smith**, and **Brittney Drakeford** presented during panel sessions.





Career Paths Panel at the University of District of Columbia

On October 24, the Executive Director participated in a panel discussion at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) to engage with students on career opportunities in land-use planning and real estate. The event was organized by the Urban Land Institute-Washington and UDC Urban Sustainability program.

American Planning Association Webinar

On October 18, the Executive Director participated in an American Planning Association webinar titled *Planning Pioneer or Planning Pariah? Rethinking Bartholomew's Legacy*, which looked at the complicated legacy of planning pioneer and former NCPC Chair Harland Bartholomew on Washington, DC; Louisville, KY; and St. Louis, MO. Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** moderated the panel which included **Dr. Mark Benton**, Assistant Research Professor, University of Missouri College of Health Sciences' Center for Health Policy; **Joel Dock**, Planning Supervisor, City of Louisville, Kentucky Office of Planning; and **Don Roe**, Executive Director, City of St. Louis, Missouri Planning and Urban Design Agency.



Centennial Exhibit Moves to the Kennedy Center

The Centennial exhibit, *Planning Washington: Capital & Community*, was on display in the Kennedy Center Hall of Nations during the month of October. The exhibit featured a new panel that explored early site options and design ideas for the nation's cultural center. From October 30 to December 3, the exhibit will be on display at the Arena Stage in Southwest Washington. NCPC is partnering with the Southwest Business Improvement District, Arena Stage, DC Design Tours, and the DC Public Library Foundation to host four free public architectural tours in November on the impact of Southwest urban renewal on the current built environment. Tours will take place on three Saturdays (11/2, 11/9, and 11/23) and one Friday (11/22).

