



1.) Whitehaven Parkway Transfer of Jurisdiction

Report of the Acting Executive Director

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

1. Transfer of Jurisdiction for a Portion of Reservation 357 - Whitehaven Parkway. (8821)
2. Transfer of Jurisdiction at Square 667-E - S.O. 24-00035, 2000 Half Street, SW. (8769)

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



(4.) Arland D. Williams Jr. Memorial Bridge Span Replacement

1. Preliminary and final building plans for the Wilbur Wright Federal Building Antenna Modifications, 600 Independence Avenue, SW. (8202)
2. Final building plans for the Department of Transportation Headquarters Permanent Antenna Installation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE. (8820)
3. Final building plans for the Department of Agriculture South Building Antenna Replacement, 1300 Independence Avenue, SW. (8826)
4. Final site development plans for the Arland D. Williams Jr. Memorial Bridge Span Replacement, I-395 Northbound. (8634)
5. Final site development plans for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Water Tower Antenna Modification, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (8817)
6. Preliminary site development plans for the Fort Belvoir North Area Distribution Center Fleet and Tractor Trailer Parking, 7500 GeoInt Drive, Springfield, Virginia. (8825)
7. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Text Amendment to Subtitle U - Drive Through Facilities for Existing Facilities as Special Exception. (ZC 25-16)

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.) Pension Building Energy Upgrades

1. Final building plans for the Pension Building Energy Upgrades - Revision, 401 F Street, NW. (8739)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the District of Columbia Army National Guard Armed Forces Retirement Home Relocation Access Improvements, 140 Rock Creek Church Road, NW. (8823)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the District of Columbia Army National Guard Armed Forces Retirement Home Relocation Roof Replacements, 140 Rock Creek Church Road, NW. (8824)
4. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Square 3078, Lots 19, 33 807, 810, and 33, 641 Florida Avenue, NW. (ZC 26-02)



Planning Updates

Downtown Defined

On October 29, the Acting Executive Director participated in *Downtown Defined*, a summit focused on downtown's present and future as new mixed-use neighborhoods emerge. Mayor **Muriel Bowser** and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) hosted the event held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The Acting Executive Director spoke about planning in Southwest Washington. Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative design consultant lead **David Rubin**, DAVID RUBIN Land Collective shared insights into the collaborative effort to improve America's Main Street.



Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia

Foreign Missions Review

The Foreign Missions Act of 1982 (FMA) reaffirms the federal government's jurisdiction over the operation of foreign missions and international organizations in the United States. Pursuant to the FMA, the District of Columbia Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment reviews foreign mission projects on private property, including embassies and chanceries. On October 7, the Acting Executive Director reviewed a chancery project for the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia involving renovation of the existing building, construction of two new security screening facilities, and installation of a perimeter security fence. The review assessed six criteria: facilitate adequate and secure facilities for foreign missions in the nation's capital, historic preservation, parking, security, municipal interest, and federal interests.

Public Outreach

GSA General Counsel Forum

On October 16, NCPC General Counsel and Secretary **Meghan Hottel-Cox** participated in the General Services Administration (GSA) General Counsel Forum. The forum welcomed GSA legal personnel from across the country. She presented NCPC's role and planning work in Southwest Washington at a breakout session entitled *GSA's Role in the Changing Face of DC*.

APA-NCAC Annual Conference

On September 28, NCPC staff attended the American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter (APA-NCAC) Annual Conference. Summer 2026 Intern **Sylvia Cabus** presented a session on decision making in transportation. Urban Planner **Melissa Lindjso** is a current APA-NCAC board member and was elected as the Professional Development Officer-Elect for the 2027-2029 term.





Pennsylvania Avenue Lights Up

On October 3 and 24, Project Glow Block Party lit up Pennsylvania Avenue, infusing America's Main Street with new energy and vibrancy. The immersive electronic dance music experience featured creative lighting, sound mixing, and staging that framed the U.S. Capitol Dome as the signature backdrop. Events like Project Glow and the Freedom 250 Grand Prix showcased Pennsylvania Avenue's full potential to become the ultimate outdoor event venue in Downtown Washington.