

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. Final site and building plans for the Army Family Housing Renovation Program at Fort McNair - Phase 1, B Street and 4th Avenue, SW. (8166)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for surface parking lot modifications and site improvements at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, White Oak, Maryland. (8131)
3. Preliminary and final site development plans for covered walkways at Buildings 21-1-31 at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, White Oak, Maryland. (8213)

During the past month, NCPD staff determined that the following project is exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for an Anacostia River Trail Lighting Pilot, Bunker Hill Road to Charles Armentrout Drive, Cottage City, Maryland. (8214)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Initiative's Executive Committee met on August 27 to review early physical and programming ideas to potentially transform the Avenue. Ideas to reimagine the Avenue range from a civic stage to an urban linear park to an urban street that connects Washington's eight wards. These early ideas are being developed to provide the basis for future public outreach and input.

Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

NCPD staff met with local and federal stakeholder agencies to address comments on the draft stormwater management guidelines. The draft provides guidance on the appropriateness and applicability of a range of stormwater management best practices within the monumental core. Based on the Interagency Working Group's input, the guidelines will be refined for further review. Guideline development is expected to continue in the fall of 2020.

Comprehensive Plan: Transportation and Federal Workplace Elements

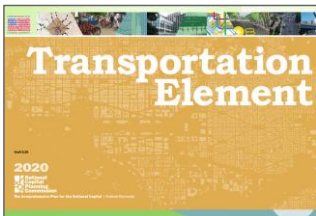
Following adoption of the Transportation Element at the July Commission, staff worked on the action item to develop the Transportation Management Plan monitoring form in the Submission Portal and communicating with stakeholders on when the new element policies will go into effect, which was September 14, 2020. Staff continues to develop the Federal Workplace Element and will submit it for Commission adoption later this year.



Army Family Housing Renovation Program (1)



Food and Drug Administration (2)





Eisenhower Memorial Dedication

On the evening of September 17, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial was dedicated. The memorial honoring America's 34th President is adjacent to the Department of Education and across Independence Avenue from the National Air and Space Museum. NCPC completed its review of the memorial in October 2017. The memorial, located on Independence Avenue across from the National Air and Space Museum on a site recommended for commemoration in the *Memorials and Museum's Master Plan*, is now open to the public.



Public Outreach

American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter Conference

The Executive Director moderated *The Region Responds, Planning in the Context of Health, Economic, and Equity Crises*, the keynote session at the American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter Conference on September 21. He led a discussion with the region's planning directors on the impacts and long term implications of COVID, systemic racism, and the economic downturn. Participants included **Ricky Barker**, AICP, City of Rockville; **Barbara Byron**, AICP, Fairfax County; **Andree Green Checkly**, Esq., Prince George's County; **Bob Duffy**, FAICP, Arlington County; **Karl Moritz**, City of Alexandria; **Andrew Trueblood**, District of Columbia; and **Gwen Wright**, Montgomery County.



Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** moderated a session on strategies to secure publicly accessible grounds. Urban Planner **Surina Singh** and **Pat Powell**, Senior Director of Operations and Preparedness at the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District, discussed issues of planning around regular uses and programs, first amendment protests, addressing public space needs during a public health crisis, and other public space and security planning considerations. The session highlighted key takeaways from a 2019 colloquium where key stakeholders and experts examined the range of threats and the impact of vehicular attacks faced by public places. The panelists also discussed the important role business improvement districts play in managing and programming many of Washington's urban public spaces.



Virtual Workshop on Equitable Access to Parks

The Executive Director also participated in the *Virtual Workshop on Equitable Access to Parks* hosted by the Urban Land Institute Building Healthy Places Initiative and the ULI Advisory Services Panel on September 15-17. The workshop developed 10 key principles for equitable access to high-quality parks.

Executive Director Elected to APA Board

The executive director was elected as chair of the American Planning Association's Urban Design and Preservation Division. His term as chair-elect on the Division Board starts in January 2021. He will serve as chair beginning in January 2022.

Jerusalem Urban Design Center

On September 8, Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** provided a presentation to the Jerusalem Urban Design Center on the design and development of the National Mall and monumental core, particularly recent efforts to connect these areas to the larger city.





Federal Reserve Board Draft Environmental Assessment

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for the renovation and expansion of the Marriner S. Eccles Building at 2051 Constitution Avenue, NW and the Federal Reserve Board-East Building at 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW. The Board is acting as the lead responsible federal agency and NCPC is a cooperating agency. The Board is also conducting Section 106 consultation in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA 800.8). Public comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment are accepted through October 12, 2020 and can be submitted via email to FRB-Renovation@frb.gov. For more information see NCPC's Comment Opportunities webpage: <https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/notices/>.

Personnel

NCPC Welcomes Communications Specialist

We are pleased to welcome **Bsrat Mezghebe** to the Office of Public Engagement team as a Communications and Research Support Specialist. Ms. Mezghebe brings a wealth of private sector and association communications experience, and has degrees from the University of Virginia, Johns Hopkins University, and New York University.



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