



(1.) Transfer of Jurisdiction

Report of the Acting Executive Director

During the past month, the Chairman took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority. The project is in Washington, DC.

1. Transfer of Jurisdiction for a Portion of Reservation 343F Near Barney Circle, Southeast Boulevard, SE. (8806)

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 building plans for the Lafayette Building Energy Upgrades, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW. (8813)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Veterans Administration Building Energy Upgrades, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW. (8814)
3. Preliminary and final building plans for the Veterans Affairs Central Office Exterior Door Replacement, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW. (8815)
4. Preliminary site and building plans for the Bunker Hill Elementary School Modernization, 1401 Michigan Avenue, NE. (8808)



(4.) Bunker Hill Elementary

Planning Updates

Southwest Washington Planning Update



Conceptual image of Virginia Avenue in its historic alignment extended to Independence Avenue, SW

On September 9, the Acting Executive Director and Urban Planner **Stephanie Free** kicked off the next phase of planning work for the Southwest Federal Enclave with the General Services Administration, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, and the District of Columbia Office of Planning. The initiative's purpose is to build upon prior studies and current drivers of redevelopment to produce a framework plan for Southwest Washington that will explore the "big ideas" needed to restore the area's historic framework, expand the park network, and create a vibrant, beautiful neighborhood connecting the National Mall to the Southwest Waterfront. It is anticipated that the framework plan will be presented to the Commission as an information presentation in early 2027.

District Waterways Advisory Commission Meeting #6



On September 16, the Acting Executive Director and Urban Planner **Michael Bochynski** attended the District Waterways Advisory Commission's sixth meeting at The District Wharf. The session focused on reviewing insights gathered during the discovery phase, potential decision-matrix factors, and developing preliminary goals and strategies. Staff joined the Ferry & Transportation Gaps Working Group which is evaluating how water-based transportation could strengthen the regional mobility network and how to expand safe waterways access. Ideas include developing a consolidated water transportation and infrastructure map, improving east-of-the-river connections (such as a redesigned Benning Road Bridge crossing), and creating a new link between the Anacostia Trail and the National Arboretum.



District Waterfront Walk & Talk

On September 14, Urban Planner **Melissa Lindsjo** participated in two District Waterfront Walk & Talks at Diamond Teague Park and the Georgetown Waterfront, respectively. Each session began aboard a water taxi, followed by guided site walks on land. The water taxi rides offered a unique vantage point for observing Washington's waterfront. Discussions centered on public access, recreational amenities, safety concerns, opportunities for improvement, and on-the-ground perspective to help shape the direction of the *District Waterways Advisory Plan*.



Arlington County Proposed Redevelopment Review

NCPC staff provided advisory federal interest comments to the Arlington County Community Planning, Housing, & Development Department on the proposed redevelopment at 2000 14th Street North in Arlington, VA, which is subject to a 1982 Arlington County Board resolution on views from the National Mall ("Resolution of Concern Regarding Building Heights Related to the National Capital Mall Axis"). NCPC staff commented on potential impacts on views from federal lands and the primary east-west vista from the National Mall to the Western Horizon as identified in the Urban Design Element's Technical Addendum.

Public Outreach



Pennsylvania Avenue Hosts 10th Annual DC Bike Ride Festival

On September 12, thousands of people participated in the 10th Annual DC Bike Ride. The 20-mile course highlighted the city's most iconic landmarks and finished along Pennsylvania Avenue with food trucks, live music, and fun activities. The event was another great way to showcase the Avenue and experience the nation's capital.

Personnel

NCPC Says Farewell to Executive Director Marcel Acosta

On September 15, more than 80 current and former NCPC Commissioners, staff, and other guests gathered to bid farewell to former Executive Director **Marcel Acosta** and honor his more than 25 plus years of service at NCPC, almost two decades of which were spent as executive director. Special guests included Chairman **Mark Paoletta** and former Chairs **L. Preston Bryant, Jr.** and **Elizabeth "Beth" White**. Former Commissioner **Robert "Bob" Peck** and Beth White provided prepared remarks recognizing Marcel and his accomplishments at NCPC, which include leading signature agency planning efforts such as the *Monumental Core Framework Plan*, the Height Master Plan, the *Beyond Granite: Pulling Together* pilot exhibition, the *SW Ecodistrict Plan*, and the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative. He will begin a private-sector position in October.



Chairman Paoletta, Marcel Acosta, Beth White, and Preston Bryant