

## 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.



Harry S Truman Building



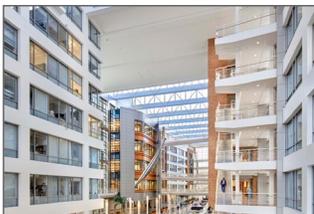
NIAID Bioinformatics Facility



Proposed Arlington Ridge Park Comfort Station



Theodore Roosevelt Federal Building proposed security



1. Preliminary and final site development plans for building identification signage at the Harry S Truman Federal Building, 2201 C Street, NW. (8100)
2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for relocation of a gas station at the National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8070)
3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for a NIAID bioinformatics facility at the National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. (8080)
4. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Arlington Ridge Park Comfort Station at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial, Arlington, Virginia. (8023)
5. Preliminary and final site and building plans for building security and landscape improvements at the Theodore Roosevelt Federal Building, 1900 E Street, NW. (8101)
6. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a map amendment at Squares 5860 and 5861 - Poplar Point RBBR, LLC, Howard Road, SE. (ZC 18-19)
7. Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a text amendment to Subtitle K to Create the Northern Howard Road Zone, North Howard Road, SE. (ZC 18-18)

During the past month, NCPD 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. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for a partial closing of a public alley in Square 3524 - S.O. 19-47771, between First Street and Lincoln Road, NE. (8092)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for playground improvements at the North Post Child Development Center, North Post, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. (8095)
3. Comments to the Council of the District of Columbia for a partial closing of a public alley in Square 4268 - S.O. 19-47781, between New York Avenue and Bladensburg Road, NE. (8097)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for exterior directional signage at the Whittle School, 3700 Tilden Street, NW. (8068)
5. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a map amendment at Squares 5412, 5413, and 5413N, 3610 Minnesota Avenue, SE. (ZC 19-02)
6. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a map amendment at Square 5790, bounded by Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue, Chicago Avenue, and Talbert Street, SE. (ZC 19-03)

### Planning Updates

#### Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Workplace Element

NCPD hosted public open houses for the Federal Workplace Element update on August 6 and 7. The comment period extends through Monday, September 16.



Monumental Core Streetscape Project

### Monumental Core Streetscape Framework and Lighting Policy

NCPC staff anticipates presenting the Urban Design Streetscape Framework and associated Lighting Framework to the Commission this fall for concept review. To prepare, NCPC briefed the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts in June on the streetscape and lighting frameworks. NCPC staff also joined District Office of Planning and District Department of Transportation staff in meetings with stakeholders from Business and Community Improvement Districts and George Washington University to introduce NCPC's Monumental Core Streetscape Project and seek input on streets that are within the stakeholders' planning areas.



Pennsylvania Avenue

### Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

The Initiative's Executive Committee continues to explore unique programming and other potential ideas to make the Avenue an arts, culture, and entertainment destination. The October Commission meeting will feature an information presentation on the proposed transition of the Newseum building into a hub for Johns Hopkins University's Washington programs. Staff anticipates the project will be submitted for concept review at the Commission's December meeting.



### Public Outreach

#### Program to Examine Issues of Security and Access in Public Spaces

On Tuesday, September 24 NCPC, in partnership with American Society of Landscape Architects, will present *Open to the Public: Rethinking Security & Access in Public Space*. Public spaces are increasingly vulnerable to a variety of threats, but what can be done to ensure that they remain safe and enjoyable? A panel of design professionals, academics, and security experts will engage in a broad, inspirational conversation about how to balance access and security for these cherished places. Panelists will discuss and share their experiences, lessons learned, strategies, and best practices. They include moderator **Jess Zimbabwe**, Principal, Plot Strategies, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Georgetown University; **Susan Silberberg**, Managing Director, CivicMoxie, LLC, Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; **Richard Cline**, Principal Deputy Director, Federal Protective Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and **Gary Hilderbrand**, FASLA, FAAR, Principal, Reed Hilderbrand LLC, Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Design. The event will run from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Burke Theatre, located at The Naval Heritage Center at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington DC. More information, as well as an RSVP link, is available on NCPC's website: <https://www.ncpc.gov/>



#### Panel to Examine the Impact of the Federal Government in the Region

On Friday, September 13, Urban Planner **Angela Dupont** will moderate *The Future of the Economy: Planning for Growth and Diversification* at the American Planning Association's National Capital Area Chapter 2019 Planning Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland. The panel will highlight how the federal presence shaped and continues to change the region; the need to diversify the region's economy; how local jurisdictions plan for large job loss or gain; and unintended consequences of economic growth and the implications for housing affordability. Panelists include **Jeannette Chapman** from the Stephen S. Fuller Institute at George Mason University; **Paul DesJardin** from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; **Alex Iams** from Arlington Economic Development; and the Urban Institute's **Peter Tatian**.



Australian War Memorial

### NCPC Division Director Visits Canberra

In June, Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** was invited to visit Canberra, Australia's capital city, where she served as competition juror and participated in a knowledge exchange with the National Capital Authority (NCA). She was the international juror for "Remaking Lost Connections," an ideas competition that sought to generate ideas, elevate public dialogue, and inspire new paradigms about how the urban landscape in Canberra can address impacts of extreme weather. Focusing on the NCA's areas of interest, she briefed the staff on NCPC's authorities and organizational structure, Memorials for the Future, Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, SW Ecodistrict, and the Streetscape Manual, including cellular infrastructure and LED lighting retrofits. NCA staff provided tours of their major projects and lands, including a new light rail line, diplomatic mission estates, and their federal estate which equates to land uses found within Washington's monumental core. NCA staff discussed current jurisdictional, planning, and policy issues related to diplomatic missions, recreational use of federal lands, tree removal and plantings, urban design, transit, and land management.



### Blog: What's in a Logo?

A logo defines an organization, and over the years NCPC has had some interesting ones. 2019 marks the tenth anniversary of the agency's current logo. To celebrate this, Graphic Designer **Paul Jutton** takes readers on a journey through the history and look of NCPC's logos over the years. All blogs are available online at <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/>.



### Blog: Honoring Apollo 11 On the National Mall

Urban Planner **Angela Dupont** highlighted the recent program on the National Mall that celebrated the 50th anniversary celebration of the Apollo 11 mission. She described how the program came together and was a great illustration of how temporary commemoration can be just as powerful as a permanent memorial. All blogs are available online at <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/>.



### Harrison Newton on Resilient DC

On August 22, **Harrison Newton**, the Deputy Chief Resilience Officer for Washington DC, visited NCPC and spoke about *Resilient DC*, the recently completed strategy for the city to thrive in the face of change. He spoke about the two-year strategic process to craft the city's first Resilience Strategy. The implementation strategy brought together and aligned other major planning efforts into one coordinated effort to locally confront complex challenges of the 21st century including the ability to withstand any natural or man-made challenges that threaten communities and tackle the social challenges that come with being a fast-growing city.



John Gerbich

## Personnel

### NCPC Says Farewell to Urban Planner

Urban Planner **John Gerbich** recently left NCPC's Urban Design & Plan Review Division to work with the National Park Service as its Planning Portfolio Manager for the Southeast Region in Atlanta. Projects that John worked on at NCPC include the Peace Corps Commemorative Work; Armed Forces Retirement Home projects; National Zoo projects, including the Central Parking Facility and fencing project; and the update of the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element. NCPC thanks John for his contributions to the agency and wishes him all the best in his new position.

### Agency Welcomes Two New Employees



Johanna McCrehan

The Policy and Research Division welcomed Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan**, who will work on transportation issues, including the update of the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element, and the update of the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*. Johanna joined NCPC from the Georgia Conservancy where she focused on small town resiliency, housing choice, and community planning. She has a Masters of City and Regional Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Clemson University.



Garrett Wolf

**Garrett Wolf** joined NCPC's Physical Planning Division where he will work on the Monumental Core Streetscape, Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, and Federal Triangle flood-proofing project teams. He received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Bachelors in Geography, and a Masters in Geography from Louisiana State University. Garrett has a professional background in landscape architecture, coastal resilience planning, urban planning, and government consulting. He is finalizing a doctoral dissertation in architecture at the University of Manchester, where his Fulbright funded research focuses on using architecture to reconceptualize the transition from the Soviet to the post-Soviet period in Uzbekistan.

### Farewell to Our Summer Interns

NCPC hosted three interns this summer who worked on a variety of physical planning and public engagement projects. Their efforts supported the Monumental Core Streetscape Project, Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative, and work advancing stronger pedestrian connections between the National Mall, L'Enfant Plaza, and The Wharf. We'd like to thank **Alex Bailor**, **Adam Gordon**, and **Audrey Wilke** for their hard work and wish them the best in their studies and professional development.