



Jelleff Recreation Center (1.)



Richmond Highway Station (2.)



J.O. Wilson Elementary School (3.)



Tubman Elementary School (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 site and building plans for the Jelleff Recreation Center Modernization, 3265 S Street, NW. (8576)
2. Final site and building plans for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Station, Richmond Highway and Belvoir Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. (8494)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment from RF-1 to RA-2 at Square 1088, Lot 802, 261 17th Street, SE. (ZC 23-23)

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 site development plans for the Galloway Street Trail, 400 Galloway Street, NE. (8572)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Youth Center Playground Upgrade, Adjacent to Langley Way. (8574)
3. Comments on concept plans for the J.O. Wilson Elementary School Modernization, 600 K Street, NE. (8575)
4. Comments on concept plans for the Tubman Elementary School Modernization, 3101 13th Street, NW. (8577)
5. Preliminary and final site development plans for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Building Vehicular Security Measures, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, Maryland. (8578)
6. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment from PDR-1 to MU-8B at Square 3591, Lot 3, 1251 5th Street, NE. (ZC 24-04)
7. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment from PDR-1 and RA-1 to MU-5B at Deanwood Metrorail Station Parking Lot, 4720 Minnesota Avenue, NE. (ZC 24-02)
8. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment from RF-1 to RA-2 at Square 3524, 1708 1st Street, NE. (ZC 23-24)

## Planning Updates

### Pennsylvania Avenue

NCPC is in the last phase of procurement for the design team that will prepare the Public Space Master Plan. The team is expected to be on board in October. Using HR&A's draft program of requirements, the incoming design team's first task will be to test, analyze, and refine the three early concept ideas that NCPC released in 2022 for public comment. The concepts will advance the new vision of the Avenue as a beautiful and welcoming destination for daily enjoyment, and a venue to showcase American heritage and aspirations for the future. NCPC and HR&A's implementation team are also facilitating conversations to advocate for programming Pennsylvania Avenue in 2026, during the 250th Celebration of the Declaration of Independence.





### Monumental Core Streetscape Guide

NCPC, in collaboration with the Monumental Core Interagency Working Group (IWG), released the *LED Streetlight Performance Criteria*. NCPC, with the IWG and the District of Columbia's Streetlight Team, prepared technical guidance that will achieve a consistent and distinguished streetlighting treatment along the most significant streets of national interest within and leading to the monumental core. These LED streetlights will save energy, improve safety, and last significantly longer than the fixtures previously utilized throughout Washington.



### Beyond Granite One Year Later

Last year, on August 18, the *Beyond Granite: Pulling Together* exhibition opened for one month on the National Mall. The first-of-its-kind curated art installation was in dialogue with iconic memorials between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. A video recap can be watched here:

<https://youtu.be/eL3-z8s3sCQ>. A Key Findings Report by Dr. Elizabeth Morton explores the lessons learned from the exhibition that can inform future iterations of the Beyond Granite initiative. Through in-person surveys, the public responded positively and thoughtfully to the use of temporary artworks to tell more of America's stories in the nation's capital. The Key Findings Report is available online:

[www.beyondgranite.org/report](http://www.beyondgranite.org/report)



### Anacostia Coordinating Council Presentation

On July 30, Policy & Research Division Director **Michael Sherman**, and Urban Planners **Brittney Drakeford**, and **Chrishaun Smith** presented to the Anacostia Coordinating Council on the equity and sustainability updates to the Comprehensive Plan's Introduction Chapter. The presentation garnered positive feedback from participants, who were impressed by the depth of research conducted by staff. About 75 attendees appreciated the agency's commitment to reflecting on its legacy within the community and exploring strategies for addressing past harms. Participants were also invited to visit the agency's Centennial exhibit at the MLK Library and to engage in the Reimagine Anacostia Park public comment period.



### Facilities Outreach Program

The Urban Design and Plan Review Division was busy this summer hosting its annual outreach meetings. Staff met with several local jurisdiction representatives and federal agencies to discuss projects anticipated for Fiscal Year 2025. Additional outreach meetings will continue this fall with a few remaining federal agencies. These meetings have offered a valuable opportunity for NCPC to brief applicants on the work staff completed over the last fiscal year, including NCPC's Equity Updates to the Comprehensive Plan's Introduction Chapter and the Submission Guidelines. Staff will brief the Commission on FY25 anticipated projects later this year.



### DMVMoves Community Partners Advisory Group

On July 16, the Executive Director participated in the DMVMoves Community Partners Advisory Group (CPAG) meeting, which focused on the DMVMoves opportunities analysis including frequency, integrated network, a seamless customer experience, and transit funding. The DMVMoves CPAG will meet monthly over the course of the next year to provide input into the process and make recommendations to the DMVMoves Task Force. DMVMoves is a new regional partnership to develop a vision for transit in the region. The initiative and establishment of the task force and work groups was approved by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Boards of Directors on May 1, 2024.



### Interagency Security Committee Annual Meeting

On July 29, the Executive Director and NCPC staff met with representatives from the Interagency Security Committee Security Committee (ISC) as part of the ISC's annual outreach to member organizations. The discussion focused on NCPC security-specific initiatives and ISC updates.

## Public Outreach



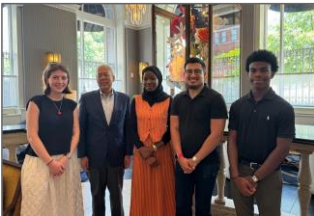
### NCPC Centennial Exhibit Continues Tour Across the Region

On August 15, Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster**, Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl**, and Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** led an exhibit tour for staff of the Trust for the National Mall at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. The exhibit will next be on display at the West End Library from September 3 to September 30. The exhibit will move to the Kennedy Center in October and the Arena Stage in November. NCPC staff also conducted an oral history interview of former NCPC Commissioner **Bob Peck** and are continuing to update the online repository with interviews of former staff. In July Federal News Radio interviewed the Executive Director about the agency's Centennial and recent NCPC initiatives. The interview ran on July 31 and is available online at <https://go.ncpc.gov/8soe9e>

## Personnel

### NCPC Bids Farewell to Summer Interns

**Justine Brandes** and **Michael Lopez** completed their summer internships with the Policy and Research Division. **Sururah Abdulrazaq** with the Urban Design and Plan Review Division, and **Daniel Leak** with the Office of Administration. From site visits to presentations, the interns made significant contributions to NCPC this summer. Highlights included visits to the Washington Monument, a tour of the Southwest Ecodistrict, and learning about GSA's Art Program. Each intern concluded their summer with a formal presentation to NCPC staff. Justine provided a comprehensive analysis of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Action Plan, Michael updated the NCPC Commemorative Works Map, Sururah created new shape files and GIS data for underutilized federal property, and Daniel conducted informational interviews with staff. Their work demonstrated both their dedication and the valuable impact of their contributions to the agency's projects and objectives.



Justine Brandes, Marcel Acosta,  
Sururah Abdulrazaq, Michael Lopez,  
and Daniel Leak