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NCPC Adopts Comprehensive Plan's Federal Workplace Element Policies

Hears info presentation on SW Ecodistrict 10th Street Streetscape and Banneker Park Connection Ideas

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting today the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) adopted updated policies for the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital's* Federal Workplace Element. The Federal Elements are blueprints for long-range federal development in the National Capital Region, and set out policies and goals that guide federal planning. The Federal Workplace Element specifically provides guidance to federal agencies on locating, developing, and managing federal workplaces. The updated polices would not go into effect until all of the Federal Elements are updated and ready for publishing.

The updated element's policies reflect changes since the Comp Plan was last updated in 2004 including how federal facilities are located, managed, and arranged. In addition to the reorganization of policy areas and update to various sections, the changes were primarily directed to updating federal employment data, providing a focus on the siting of federal facilities, and providing guidance to federal agencies on the reuse of federal land and space.

The Commission also heard an information presentation updating them on concept ideas for streetscape improvements to 10th Street, SW and for a temporary connection from Banneker Park to the Southwest Waterfront. These ideas are being developed through the SW Ecodistrict Initiative. More developed concepts for these two areas will be presented to the Commission in the fall. NCPC does not take action on information presentations.

This month's agenda also included one consent calendar items (no presentations given):

 Preliminary and final site and building plans for bachelors enlisted quarters and an enlisted dining facility at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico (7480)

In addition, the Executive Director approved eight items, and the Chairman two respectively, under authorities delegated by the Commission. Staff recommendations are available on NCPC's website.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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