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NCPC Hears Height Master Plan Information Presentation

Other information presentations were on USDA People's Garden and Perimeter Security Site Improvements and the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda (South Campus)

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting today, Thursday, March 7, 2013, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) heard an information presentation on the proposed approach to conducting the Height Master Plan. NCPC and the DC Office of Planning (DCOP) are jointly conducting this Congressionally-requested study to examine strategic changes to the federal Height of Buildings Act of 1910.

The outcome of the study will be a joint plan produced by NCPC and DCOP that provides recommendations on areas of Washington, DC where it may be appropriate to allow increased heights above the current limits established by the federal Height Act. The Commission will review the plan before it is submitted to Congress in early fall, and there will be public comment opportunities throughout the study. Information on the Height Master Plan is available at www.ncpc.gov/heightstudy.

The Commission next heard an information presentation on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) People's Garden and Perimeter Security Site Improvement project located at the USDA Headquarters Building on the National Mall. The project entails comprehensive site improvements including organic gardens, several sustainable landscape practices, and perimeter security. The Commission anticipates seeing concept designs in May 2013.

The final information presentation was an update on plans for the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda Phase 2 (South Campus) redevelopment project. NCPC approved preliminary and final site and building plans for Phase 1 (North Campus) at its July 12, 2012 meeting. The Commission anticipates seeing preliminary plans for the South Campus' Centrum Building in May 2013.

NCPC does not take action on information presentations.

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

- Preliminary and final site and building plans for a telecommunications facility modification at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland. (6976)
- Preliminary and final approval of site and building plans for Phase 3 of Infrastructure Projects (North Post Access Control Point) at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia. (6902/7475)

In addition, the Executive Director approved four items under authorities delegated by the Commission. Information sheets and staff recommendations are available on [NCPC's website](http://www.ncpc.gov).

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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