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Kennedy Center Expansion Plans before NCPC

Commission to Review Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Headquarters Modernization Plans

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting today, **Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 1:00 pm**, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) will review concept designs for an approximately 65,000 square foot expansion of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Plans by architect Steven Holl call for the addition of new education and rehearsal space, and gardens, on a 4.6 acre site located on the center's south grounds.

Designed by Eduard Durrel Stone, the Kennedy Center currently has no dedicated classrooms and minimal rehearsal space. The proposed expansion adds 13,000 square feet of underground rehearsal space, as well as office and other uses. In addition, two above-ground pavilions will be situated above the underground additions, and an additional pavilion will be located on the Potomac River. Substantial landscape enhancements and programming is also proposed. The Kennedy Center opened in 1971 and has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission will next review preliminary site and building plans to fully modernize and expand the six-story Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Headquarters, located at 1700 G Street, NW. Upon completion the building will be home to more than 1,000 employees and contractors. The 320,000 square foot building was constructed in 1976 as the home of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

Plans include interior renovations and building systems upgrades, replacement of exterior windows and frames, redesign of the main lobby, relocation of a childcare play area to the rooftop, and minimal perimeter security. In addition, its public courtyard will be reconstructed and new landscaping added. The existing ground floor retail will remain in the structure.

Before adjourning the Commission will hear an update on plans for the DC Streetcar system from the District Department of Transportation. NCPC does not take any actions on information presentations.

In addition, the Executive Director approved five items under authorities delegated by the Commission.

The final agenda and staff recommendations for each project are available on [NCPC's website](http://www.ncpc.gov). The meeting will be streamed live at <http://www.ncpc.gov/live>. Images of both projects are available upon request.

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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