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## Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements

Members of the National Capital Planning Commission in March authorized release of the agency's draft *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* for a 60-day public comment period. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a blueprint for long-term planning in the National Capital Region (NCR) and establishes goals and policies for future federal development in the Washington area. It examines significant issues that impact the region such as transit and preservation. The draft plan has seven Federal Elements: The Federal Workplace; Foreign Missions and International Organizations; Transportation; Parks and Open Space; Federal Environment; Preservation and Historic Features; and Visitors.

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## Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements

Last updated in the mid-1980s, NCPC's latest draft Comprehensive Plan is designed to address federal and national capital activities while also accounting for emerging planning issues and challenges facing the region, such as perimeter security and transportation mobility. The revised Federal Elements focus on current planning practices and promote coordinated growth and sustainable development. The plan encourages partnerships with local and regional governments to coordinate planning and to advance development objectives.

In addition to the Federal Elements that cover matters related to federal properties and federal interests, the Comprehensive Plan also includes District Elements that address local issues such as land use, housing, and economic development. The District Elements, which are currently being developed under the Mayor's auspices, are targeted for release in the next couple of years and will be subject to NCPC review before being adopted by the District City Council.

The draft Federal Elements can be accessed through the Publications page at [www.ncpc.gov](http://www.ncpc.gov), and hard copies can be requested by emailing [info@ncpc.gov](mailto:info@ncpc.gov) or calling 202-482-7200. During the 60-day public comment period, NCPC will hold two public meetings at its office, on Wednesday, March 24 from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and on Monday, April 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to comment at these meetings may register in advance or on the day of the meeting by calling 202-482-7200. All written comments are due to NCPC by Monday, May 3, 2004. Please email comments to [comment@ncpc.gov](mailto:comment@ncpc.gov). You also may fax or mail comments to 202-482-7272 or Comprehensive Plan Public Comment, National Capital Planning Commission, 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20576.

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"The nation's capital has distinct planning and development needs that set it apart from other major cities. Not only is Washington home to numerous federal employees and facilities, it is also the symbolic heart of the nation. That is why it is so important that NCPC adopt a comprehensive and coordinated blueprint for the region that will build upon the standards that have made Washington a world-class capital city."

*John V. Cogbill, III, Chairman*





## South Capitol Street

# TIME TO ACT



**When dignitaries arrive** at Andrews Air Force Base just outside Washington, their first glimpse as they drive toward America's capital on South Capitol Street is one of vacant businesses, abandoned lots, and a run-down thoroughfare. It is an unfortunate first impression, which does not reflect the beautiful capital city that is so evident in other parts of Washington.

For many years the National Capital Planning Commission has identified this neglected corridor, which lies within sight of the nation's Capitol as an area ripe for urban renewal. This past fall, the Commission—in conjunction with the D.C. Office of Planning (DCOP)—invited the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to assemble an advisory panel of leading experts from across the nation to study the area and offer specific land-use, transportation, and urban design recommendations for the new gateway. The panel toured the area, interviewed more than 80 local stakeholders, and reviewed current federal and city plans for the street, including NCPC's 1997 Legacy Plan, the 2001 *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*, and the agency's 2003 *South Capitol Street Urban Design Study*, which outlines three potential development scenarios for the corridor.

### **The ULI panel concurred that the corridor is ripe for redevelopment and urged that steps quickly be taken to redevelop the area.**

At the January Commission meeting, during an information presentation, the ULI panel expressed strong support for NCPC's vision to create a welcoming and memorable gateway into the heart of the city for visitors, residents, and commuters. Noting the extensive planning work for the area already completed by NCPC and DCOP, along with the hot real estate market in this rapidly emerging part of the city, the ULI panel concurred that the corridor is ripe for redevelopment and urged that steps quickly be taken to redevelop the area. They recommended that the Anacostia River be cleaned, that the existing Frederick Douglass

Bridge be replaced with a stately new bridge, and that provisions be made for parks, memorials, and pedestrian amenities along the length of the street.

In addition, the panel recommended that the following steps be taken:

- ▶ Transform South Capitol Street into a great corridor and grand gateway to the city.
- ▶ Unify the southeast and southwest quadrants of the city to connect communities on both sides of the river.
- ▶ Improve accessibility to, from, and within the area.
- ▶ Create mixed-use development; add to existing green space; create pedestrian access to the waterfront; and provide space for new monuments and memorials.
- ▶ Rebrand the area with a new name and image reflecting its potential as an exciting urban destination.
- ▶ Increase the supply of high-quality, mixed-use, mixed-income developments in nearby neighborhoods.
- ▶ Have the federal government take a lead role in this effort to ensure timely implementation.

With the federal and city governments working as partners, South Capitol Street can become a great urban boulevard, in keeping with the original L'Enfant Plan. In order for this to occur, however, ULI panelists emphasized that specific development controls, selective land acquisition, and infrastructure improvements need to be undertaken immediately. Otherwise, the pressure of current development could overtake the federal and local vision for this important gateway.

The ULI Advisory Panel expects to release a comprehensive report on its findings for the South Capitol Street Corridor. The report will focus on market potential, planning and design, and strategies for implementing the panel's recommendations. NCPC will make that report available to the public once it has been released.

# March

March 4, 2004

## National Zoo

The National Zoo plans to upgrade its facilities and expand its exhibitions during the next four years by developing the Asia Trail Project. Encompassing approximately 17 acres near the zoo's main entrance, the project will create themed exhibits in which animals are grouped according to their natural geographic locations. Plans also include access and utility improvements and enhancements to the visitor's experience.

The Commission reviewed preliminary and final site and building plans for Phase I of the Asia Trail Project during its March meeting. As part of Phase I, the Smithsonian proposes to: create a display sequence showing a series of Asian animals; upgrade infrastructure and utility systems; improve the visitor experience; increase visitation; and provide ADA-compliant access. Several buildings will be replaced with new structures that adhere to new requirements on the denning of animals. New structures include a refurbished panda house, cages for clouded leopards, and a water habitat structure for giant salamanders.

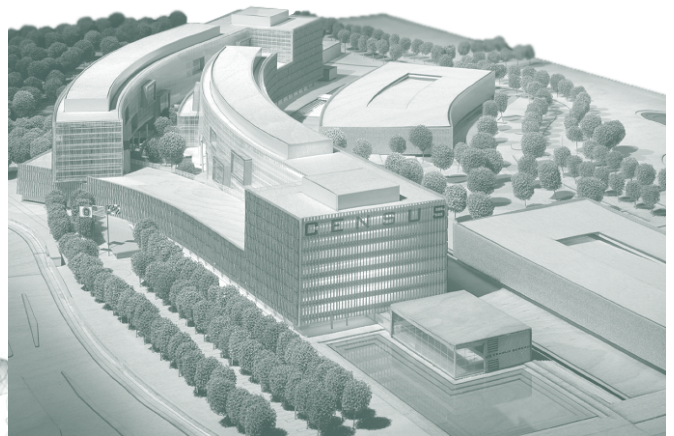
The Commission had approved the overall design concept for the Asia Trail Project at its January meeting, noting that the project conforms with the Master Plan for the National Zoo. The Smithsonian anticipates that Phase I of the project will open to the public in 2006.

## Washington Monument Grounds

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for a temporary concession facility on the Washington Monuments Grounds, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 15th Street and Madison Drive. The facility, which is approved to be in place for not longer than two years, consists of two trailers, a wheelchair ramp, 16 tables with seating for 64, a light blue vinyl tent to cover the trailers, and trash and storage areas hidden from view. Site and building design for the permanent concession facilities will begin this spring.

## Census Bureau Headquarters

The Commission approved final site and building plans for Phase I of the Census Bureau Headquarters Building at the Suitland Federal Center in Maryland. Located near the Suitland Metro station, the new headquarters will consolidate Census employees into updated facilities. Phase I includes an eight-story office building that will house more than 6,000 employees and a parking structure with approximately 1,600 spaces. The headquarters design is intended to maximize access to natural light, create outdoor gathering spaces, and integrate the building into the landscape.



Census Bureau Headquarters







Construction of the E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse Annex is underway.

### **E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse**

The Commission approved preliminary and final site development plans for perimeter security at the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse Annex with the exception of the proposed treatment outside the rotunda, located on Constitution Avenue. Security plans consist of a continuous line of bollards—incorporating four different designs—and a post and rail element. In its approval, the Commission recommended that the bollard line be pulled back at the corner of C and 3rd Streets to provide standing room for pedestrians at the crosswalk. In order to ensure coordination with the National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan and with adjoining perimeter security measures, the Commission also requested that the applicant consult with NCPC staff before submitting perimeter security projects for the main Prettyman Courthouse building. The Commission expects to see revised security plans for the rotunda area at its next meeting in April.

### **General Accounting Office Headquarters Building**

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for perimeter security enhancements at the General Accounting Office Headquarters, located at 441 G Street, NW. Security elements include a reinforced and extended plinth wall, stainless steel bollards, guard booths, and pop-up barriers. GAO's submission conformed to the policies of the National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan and addressed recommendations the Commission made when it reviewed the concept design in February. While it was

not part of GAO's submission to NCPC, the Commission has been made aware of GAO's attempts to close G Place, NW. The Commission advised GAO that its perimeter security should adequately restrict unauthorized vehicles, making it unnecessary to take public land.

### **U.S. Naval Observatory**

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for security upgrades at the Naval Observatory's south gate, located off Massachusetts Avenue in Northwest Washington. The proposal calls for installing three substantial vehicle barriers; widening the roadway shoulder to create new sidewalks and to allow for the construction of retaining walls; and installing a new vehicle inspection system with electronic scanning capabilities.

### **General Services Administration Building**

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the installation of nine transmitting and receiving panel antennas and three equipment cabinets on the roof of the General Services Administration Building, located at 633 3rd Street, NW. In its approval, the Commission required GSA to implement a written radiofrequency (RF) safety program that mandates the use of personal protection monitors for those who work on the roof level.

# February

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## Smithsonian Institution

A Smithsonian Institution plan to develop permanent security measures for 10 of its facilities on the National Mall received enthusiastic approval from the Commission in February. Guided by NCPC's National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan, the Smithsonian developed a concept design plan that will replace planter pots, industrial-looking vehicular controls, and other temporary security measures that were installed after September 11, 2001.

The concept design encompasses 10 Smithsonian museums on the Mall: the National Air and Space Museum; the National Museum of American History; the National Museum of Natural History; the Hirshhorn Gallery; the Smithsonian Castle; the S. Dillon Ripley Center; the Freer Gallery; the Sackler Gallery; the Museum of African Art; and the Arts and Industries Building. Due to differences in architecture, streetscape elements, and roadway conditions, the Smithsonian tailored its design approaches to each facility. Along Independence Avenue, for example, the Smithsonian proposes hardening existing walls within the building yard to protect the Sackler Gallery, the Museum of African Art, the Hirshhorn Gallery, and the National Air and Space Museum. Custom-designed bollards would be used to secure pedestrian entry plazas and vehicular entryways. Along Constitution Avenue, the Smithsonian proposes constructing freestanding walls on the inside edge of the sidewalk and protecting breaks in the wall with custom-designed bollards.

The Commission called the proposal creative and was pleased that the custom-designed elements such as benches, light poles, and urns complement the historic fabric of the Mall precinct. The Commission recommended that the Smithsonian address several issues before submitting preliminary plans, including the placement of bollards and guard booths, the design of the freestanding walls, and the design of the security line at specific locations.

NCPC appreciates the Smithsonian's adherence to the National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan, which the Commission adopted in 2002. The plan is a comprehensive guide to planning perimeter security that preserves the historic beauty and urban design of Washington's monumental core.



Commission members touted the Smithsonian perimeter security project for meeting the goals of NCPC's security plan.

The Commission considers the Smithsonian's proposal an important step toward providing adequate security while enhancing the architecture and landscape setting along the National Mall, and looks forward to reviewing preliminary plans.

## Lincoln Memorial

Security improvements and plans for new concession buildings at the Lincoln Memorial continue to move forward. The Commission previously reviewed these projects in December, when it asked the National Park Service to return with further details on the retaining wall and alternative drawings for the concession buildings.

At its February meeting, the Commission approved final site and building plans for a retaining wall around Memorial Circle, and preliminary site and building plans for two concession buildings on Bacon and French Drives. The retaining wall, which is one aspect of a larger security plan for the Lincoln Memorial, will be constructed around the north, west, and south sides of the memorial to prevent a vehicle from breaching the site. The 35-inch-high wall, constructed of Pink Milford granite—the same material used at the base of the memorial—will have rectilinear lines and a flat seating wall. Given the size and scale of the memorial and its setting, the Commission determined that the retaining wall would not greatly impose on the appearance of the memorial site.

The Commission again reviewed two new concession buildings, which will be used for food service in the vicinity of the Lincoln Memorial. In its last review of these structures, the Commission expressed concern over the design, particularly with respect to the height and design of the roof. The National Park Service responded to these concerns by reducing the roof height while maintaining the structure's overall consistency with existing Mall kiosks. The Commission will review final plans for the concession buildings prior to their construction.





### **Arthur Capper/Carrollsborg Dwellings HOPE VI Project**

The Arthur Capper/Carrollsborg HOPE VI redevelopment project is a new mixed-used, mixed-income project that will replace an existing public housing complex with new townhouses, condominiums, apartments, and senior housing between M Street, SE and the Southeast Freeway. Plans for the neighborhood also include venues for retail, a community center, a new park, and office buildings.

At its February meeting, the Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the redevelopment project, except for the design of a senior housing building. In its approval, the Commission made several recommendations on aspects of design, building materials, and landscaping. Along M Street, for example, the Commission recommended that landscaping comply with a plan previously developed for M Street and suggested that the south wall of one of the buildings use higher-quality materials, such as brick or stone, and include fenestration above the ground floor.

The Commission had commented on the HOPE VI Project to the D.C. Zoning Commission in January. With the exception of Senior Housing Building 2, the Commission found that the first-stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) and related map amendment and the Consolidated PUD would not adversely affect federal interests. At that time, the Commission made recommendations with regard to Senior Housing Building 2 and landscaping along M Street and New Jersey Avenue. The Commission also recommended that the Zoning Commission confirm that the portions of Canal Street and Reservation 17A that are north of the reconstructed I Street are not included in the PUDs, will not be closed, and will not be affected by the development. The Commission urged that the Section 5 review for the Consolidated PUD be done as soon as possible and that Section 5 review for the remainder of the project be done at the same time as the second stage PUD. Finally, the Commission suggested amending the use restriction on Reservation 17A, making it consistent with the residential and highway uses planned for the project.

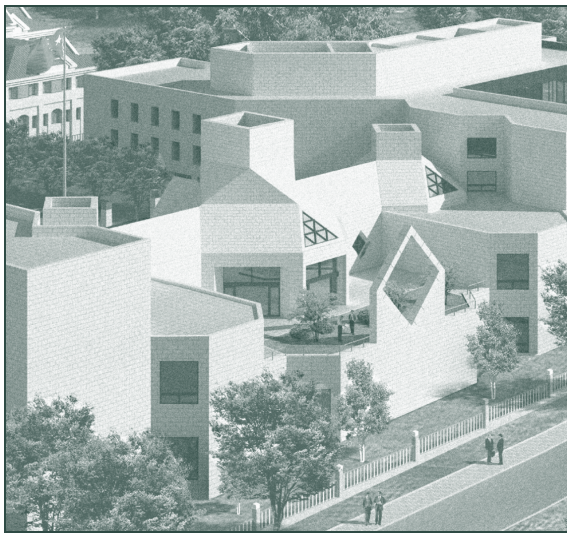


## **APA NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE**

Five thousand people from across the nation will be in Washington, D.C. the week of April 24 to take part in the American Planning Association's national conference. During the course of four days, planners will share ideas on issues as diverse as place-making, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), transportation, and affordable housing. The conference is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the National Capital Region and its rich history of planning and design, from the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans to today's innovative initiatives and projects. The conference includes a number of special Washington events: an embassy crawl, an opening reception at Union Station, and the annual Planners Day on Capitol Hill.

Executive Director Patti Gallagher, who is serving as co-chair of the conference, will lead a panel on the federal presence in the region. Many NCP staff members also have been heavily involved in local preparations for the conference, which will highlight the federal influence on the region. NCP staff and Commissioners are leading mobile workshops on security design, the federal triangle, the Kennedy Center, urban parks, foreign mission tours, and museums and memorials. The conference will be held at both the Hilton Washington and the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Northwest Washington, D.C.

For more information about the conference, visit [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org).



The Chancery for the People's Republic of China will occupy the last remaining lot in the International Center.

**Chancery of the People's Republic of China**

The Commission approved preliminary site and building plans for the Chancery of the People's Republic of China, located on Connecticut and Van Ness Street, NW in the International Center. The 300,000-square-foot chancery, comprised of two buildings linked by an entrance pavilion, will reflect contemporary Chinese architecture with respect to the placement of the buildings, the interior sequences, and the use of gardens. The chancery will not contain any consular or residential functions. In preparing final site and building plans, the Commission recommended that the chancery provide sufficient landscaping along Van Ness Street to visually soften the impact of the wall surfaces and provide improved pedestrian access from International Place to the Central Park.

**St. Colletta of Greater Washington**

The Commission concluded that St. Colletta's proposed Planned Unit Development and related map amendment would not adversely affect federal interests. St. Colletta, a nonprofit corporation, will construct a school for the mentally disabled and autistic on land leased from the District of Columbia. This three-story project, designed by Michael Graves Associates, will include classrooms, a gymnasium, outdoor classroom areas, playing fields, surface parking, and a circulation drive. In its comments to the Zoning Commission, NCPC recommended visual screening along 19th Street, SE and between the parking area and Independence Avenue, SE. NCPC advised the District that the master plan for Public Reservation 13 and project plans on Reservation 13 must be submitted to NCPC for review.

February



Concept design for a garage addition at Union Station

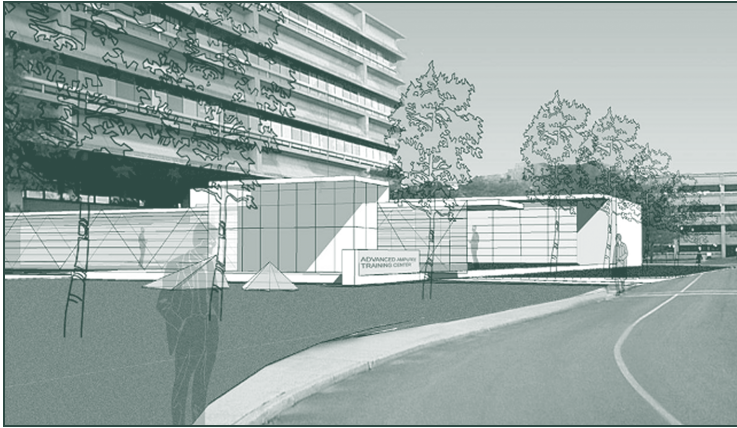
**Union Station Redevelopment Corporation**

The Commission approved the concept design for a parking garage addition at Union Station but asked that the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation include a provision for minor sidewalk amenities near the stair tower; define the type of exterior lighting that will be used; and ensure that the garage's exterior material wrap around the southwest corner and extend inward. Exterior improvements will help make the garage lighter and more modulated in appearance, and interior enhancements will include nearly 800 additional parking spaces and a mezzanine level for auto rental operations. The design is intended to blend the addition and existing garage so that there is no obvious distinction between the old and the new.



Rendering of St. Colletta's proposed school for the mentally disabled and autistic





Interim training center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

### Walter Reed Army Medical Center

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for an interim Amputee Advance Training Center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Northwest Washington. The Commission also approved preliminary site and building plans for the permanent Amputee Advance Training Center and stated that the temporary center must be removed once the permanent structure is complete. The new three-level center will feature a gymnasium, an occupational therapy space, and a running track. With these amenities, the Department of the Army will help amputee patients develop their physical capabilities.

### Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans to renovate Karrick Hall, located within the D.C. General Hospital complex on Massachusetts Avenue, SE. Improvements will expand a 30-day residential program that provides supervision, drug treatment, and related support for adults awaiting trial or on probation or parole.

### Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House

The Commission approved the final paving materials for the security and landscape project for Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House. The central portion of the Avenue and the full lengths of Jackson and Madison Places will be paved with a durable, stabilized synthetic asphalt of a reddish-brown tone. The sidewalks of Jackson and Madison Places will be expanded to narrow the street, and a six-inch asphalt paver block will cover the expanded sidewalks. Similar in tone to the synthetic pavement used in the street, the paver will maintain visual continuity. Improvements to the historic Avenue are underway and are expected to be completed in time for the 2005 Inaugural Parade.



The new DOT headquarters will be located in the Southeast Federal Center.

### Department of Transportation Headquarters

The U.S. Department of Transportation proposes to develop its new headquarters within the Southeast Federal Center. In reviewing the project for the Zoning Commission, NCPC concluded that, with the exception of two elements, the proposed Planned Unit Development and zoning change would not negatively affect federal interests. The two exceptions were the 50-foot setback on M Street, SE and the restriction of the original right-of-way to pedestrians and screened vehicles at 3rd Street, SE. Under the Southeast Federal Center Redevelopment Act of 2000, the General Services Administration (GSA) consulted with NCPC on this project. In its comments to GSA, the Commission made recommendations relating to the site's long-term future; the width of the right-of-way for the extension of New Jersey Avenue; the landscape plan; and the Southeast Federal Center Master Plan.

# January

## **Zoning for Southeast Federal Center Redevelopment**

The Commission concluded that proposed text and map amendments to add the Southeast Federal Center Overlay to the D.C. Zoning Regulations and Map would not adversely affect federal interests. Through the Overlay, private development within the Southeast Federal Center will be regulated and a mix of commercial, residential, and waterfront uses will be encouraged. Some of the uses will only be permitted as special exceptions and will require a public hearing before the D.C. Zoning Commission. NCPC recommended that it serve as a referral agency in that process. The Commission recommended that the General Services Administration reestablish the historic L'Enfant rights-of-way in the area; accommodate a commemorative work in the southernmost parcel of the center near the river; and ensure public accessibility along the Anacostia Waterfront.

## **Department of Energy**

The Commission approved preliminary and final site development plans for security enhancements at the Department of Energy facility in Germantown, Maryland. A chain-link fence currently surrounds most of the facility, but it does not cover the north and south entrances. Security plans for these entrances include a bollard line hidden within a hedgerow of deciduous and evergreen shrubbery. In addition to the screened bollards, a 36-inch-high security wall will be located along the east side of the main complex. Extending approximately 500 feet, the wall will incorporate seating on its inside face for casual use.

## **Fort Lesley J. McNair**

The Commission approved Plan 2 of the Subarea Master Plan for Fort McNair, located at 4th and P Streets in Southwest Washington, D.C. The plan will allow the Army to address improvements and additional land acquisition options and will guide decisions about the post's future development. With the exception of certain parking spaces and parking structure locations, the Commission supported the Army's acquisition of an 8.5-acre site, as presented in the report, "Small Area Plan for the National Defense University/Physical Fitness Complex." The Commission requires that the Army: designate an employee transportation coordinator; prepare an action plan detailing how Fort McNair will meet an appropriate employee parking ratio; submit a revised parking plan; and submit a revised land use plan.

## **Naval Surface Warfare Center – Carderock Division**

The Commission approved, with the exception of identified surface parking spaces, the Revised Master Plan for the Naval Surface Warfare Center and the preliminary and final site and building plans for the National Maritime Technology and Information Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The Navy's revised plan is aimed at reducing building footprints and costs; increasing capabilities; and improving efficiency. The first phase of the master plan is the construction of the National Maritime Technology and Information Center. The Commission recommended that the Navy: designate an employee transportation coordinator; prepare an action plan detailing how the installation will meet an appropriate employee parking ratio; and submit a revised parking plan. Because projects at the Naval Surface Warfare Center could affect the nearby Clara Barton Parkway and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park—which are National Park Service holdings—the Department of the Navy must coordinate all future building development and construction with the National Park Service.



# Commission Notes

## PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

Streetscape and security improvements for Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House got underway in early January. The work is on schedule to be completed before the Inaugural Parade in January 2005.



Construction crews pave the way for the redesign of Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House.

## JUDICIARY SQUARE

On February 25, Executive Director Patti Gallagher testified before the District of Columbia Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding plans to renovate the Old City Hall at Judiciary Square and construct an adjacent underground National Law Enforcement Museum. Ms. Gallagher discussed NCPC's review role in the process, the challenges of simultaneously addressing two different legislative mandates, and staff opinions on submitted designs.

## ANACOSTIA WATERFRONT

On February 11, Ms. Gallagher testified at a D.C. Council Economic Development Committee hearing on legislation for a proposed Anacostia Waterfront Corporation. The draft legislation does not include any federal representatives on the proposed board of directors. Ms. Gallagher addressed NCPC's view that the corporation should formally recognize the federal government as a major stakeholder and address the significant federal interests associated with redevelopment in the area. Ms. Gallagher added that such a massive effort is more likely to succeed if there is cooperation between the federal and District agencies. NCPC staff has subsequently met with D.C. Office of Planning representatives to discuss possible scenarios for federal involvement.

## TRANSFORMING WASHINGTON

NCPC cosponsored and participated in "Transforming Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia Waterfront: An International Symposium on Implementing the Vision for the Nation's Capital" from January 13 to 15. Chaired by Lord Richard Rogers, the symposium brought together an international blue-ribbon panel to offer possibilities for transforming the Anacostia River Waterfront in the decades ahead. Presenters offered examples of waterfront development in cities such as Barcelona, London, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco. The meeting coincided with the opening of the National Building Museum's exhibit, "D.C. Builds: The Anacostia Waterfront."

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Arrivals

**Sharon Banks** joined the staff as the agency's administrative officer. Ms. Banks has nearly 30 years of government service and experience. She was most recently with the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service.

**Minh Phinguyen** is on contract to NCPC through September, providing technology infrastructure support. Mr. Phinguyen has more than five years of IT experience as a help desk technician and systems administrator.

**Barry Socks** is NCPC's new executive officer, assigned to the Office of the Executive Director. Mr. Socks came to NCPC from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, where he served for more than 15 years in a variety of HR management positions.

**Stephen Staudigl** joined the staff as a public affairs specialist following his relocation from Cleveland. Mr. Staudigl has a diverse communications and history background with experience in the corporate, nonprofit, athletic, and educational sectors.

**Michael Weil** joined NCPC as a community planner with a transportation focus. His background is in economic development and transportation planning, and he was previously with Gorove/Slade Associates, a traffic engineering consulting firm.

### Departures

**Gary Guzneau**, an NCPC community planner working on GIS projects for nearly four years, has left the agency to relocate to Cape Cod, Massachusetts with his family. We wish him all the best.

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