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Architect Frank Gehry Updates NCPC on Eisenhower Memorial

Other Agenda Items Included: Comments on the SW Waterfront First Stage Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment, Beyond Granite: Forms of Remembrance and Celebration Competition

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting October 6, 2011 the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) received an informational briefing from the Eisenhower Memorial Commission on the status of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial. Project architect Frank Gehry presented several changes made to the project since the Commission reviewed concept designs in February. The Eisenhower Commission currently anticipates submitting preliminary designs, the next step in the review process, in late 2011.

Following the presentation the Commission approved the First Stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) and related map amendment for parcels that are part of the proposed redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront. The PUD for the 26.6 acre site will contain 3.165 million gross square feet of mixed-use development on 11 parcels of land. Included in the proposal is 15 acres of parks, public spaces, and publicly-accessible marinas, as well as several transportation components. Commission discussion focused on improving visual and physical connections between 10th Street, SW and the waterfront.

The final three agenda items were informational presentations. In the first staff updated the Commission on plans by NCPC and the General Services Administration (GSA) to hold a design competition to explore temporary forms of remembrance and celebration, distinct from permanent commemoration, on a site in Washington, DC. GSA will establish a competition jury under its Design Excellence program.

In the second the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington discussed updates to their process for developing master plans for six Navy facilities in the National Capital Region.

The meeting concluded with a presentation on the completed Federal Triangle Stormwater Drainage Study.

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

- Preliminary and final site and building plans for electric generating equipment at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC;
- Preliminary and final site and building plans for electric generating equipment at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia;
- Preliminary and final building plans for water tank and building 10 wireless telecommunications antenna at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, Bethesda, Maryland;
- Preliminary and final site and building plans for site improvements and perimeter security at the Federal Reserve Building, 1709 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC;
- Preliminary and final site development plans for a temporary emergency boiler system at the Central Heating and Refrigeration Plant, 325 13th Street, SW, Washington, DC.

In addition, the Commission delegated seven items to the Executive Director for review. Final [staff recommendations](#) for each project 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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