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NCPC Approves Plans for New Dunbar Senior High School

Commission also approves Washington Navy Yard Building #126 Energy Enhancements

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting on September 1, 2011 the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved preliminary and final site and building plans submitted by the District of Columbia Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization to build a new 264,000 gross square foot Dunbar Senior High School. The school will accommodate up to 1,110 students and approximately 150 faculty and staff.

The new high school will have two wings. The first will be a four-story academic wing. The second, a three-story administrative wing, will have a gym, theater, pool, and media center. The new facility's site placement will allow for the future reopening of O Street, NW between 1st Street, NW and 3rd Street, NW. The existing six-story building was constructed in 1977 and replaced the original Dunbar High School built in 1917.

The Commission also approved preliminary and final building plans submitted by the Department of the Navy to construct a 48-panel photovoltaic system on the roof of Building 386 (a parking deck) at the Washington Navy Yard. The system will provide power for the adjacent Building 126, which is the Navy Yard's main visitor center. The photovoltaic system is one portion of a multiple-phase energy demonstration project at the Navy Yard.

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

- Preliminary and final site and building plans for a new Ambulatory Care Center Complex at Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Camp Springs, Maryland;
- Preliminary and final site development plans for building identification signs in the Federal Triangle, bound by 6th and 15th Streets, NW, Washington, DC;
- Preliminary and final site and building plans for a temporary modular trailer for the White House Visitor Center, corner of 15th and E Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

In addition, the Commission delegated 10 items to the Executive Director for review. The 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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