

# Report of the Executive Director

## DELEGATED ACTIONS

During the past month, the Executive Director approved 11 projects under the Commission's delegated authority:



Chancery of Morocco (1)



DC Clean Rivers Project (3)



Fire station expansion at Fort Belvoir (5)



Marine Exchange at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (7)

1. Revised final site and building plans for a new chancery building at the Chancery of Morocco, International Drive and Reno Road, NW, Washington, DC. (5253)
2. Preliminary and final site development plans for an interim parking lot expansion and a new planted dry detention pond at Fort Lesley J. McNair, 4th and P Streets, SW, Washington, DC. (7399)
3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for an Anacostia River Tunnel for the DC Clean Rivers Project (Division H), Washington, DC. (7455)
4. Preliminary and final site and building plans for a child development center addition/alteration at the Naval Support Activity Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland. (7463)
5. Preliminary and final site and building plans for a fire station expansion at Fort Belvoir's Davison Army Airfield, Fairfax County, Virginia. (7465)
6. Preliminary and final building plans for firehouse renovation and modernization at Engine Company 16, 1018 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC. (7444)
7. Preliminary and final building plans for a third floor addition at the Marine Exchange (MCX- Building 26), Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia. (7460)
8. Finds that a modification to a First Stage Planned Unit Development and Second Stage Planned Unit Development at 2100-2142 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW is not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would it adversely affect any other federal interests. (Z.C. 06-11G) (Z.C. 06-12G)
9. Finds that a consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 1732 would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would it adversely affect any other federal interests. (Z.C. 10-23)
10. Finds that a Second Stage Planned Unit Development at Square 3831 (DancePlace) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would it adversely affect any other federal interests. (Z.C. 09-08B)
11. Finds that Text Amendments for Termination of Affordability Controls upon Foreclosures related to Planned Unit Developments and Inclusionary Zoning would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would they adversely affect any other federal interests. (Z.C. 04-33F)



## PLANNING UPDATES

### FBI Headquarters

On January 9, 2013 the General Services Administration (GSA) issued a Request for Information to the real estate industry to obtain input on the potential development of a new FBI headquarters facility for the purpose of informing future planning decisions. At GSA's FBI Industry Day on January 17, Acting Physical Planning Director Elizabeth Miller and Plan Review Director Christine Saum briefed the real estate industry and local and state jurisdictions about NCPC's *Monumental Core Framework Plan* and the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Plan's General Development Guidelines.

### SW Ecodistrict

Since the Commission's acceptance of the SW Ecodistrict Plan on January 10, staff has initiated several studies to help inform decisions to move the recommendations toward implementation.



At a January 16 workshop with our project partners, staff kicked off the Stormwater Implementation Feasibility Study and the 10 Street Corridor Streetscape and Banneker Connection Concept Design. The stormwater study will dive deeper into the financial and technical feasibility of the district water system, which will inform the streetscape concept. The concept design will identify a desired right-of-way width and a phased strategy to improve the 10th Street Corridor, including interim improvements for the near term. NCPC and GSA are also coordinating with the Office of Planning to evaluate and recommend how the city's new zoning regulations can help implement the SW Ecodistrict recommendations.

We are also kicking off an economic analysis for the area defined by GSA's Federal Triangle South RFI. This study will include a more detailed disaggregated analysis of the costs and benefits for the federal government, the District, and property owners. GSA's Federal Triangle South RFI responses are due on February 4, 2013. Elizabeth Miller and Diane Sullivan will serve on GSA's evaluation team and will continue to work closely with our project partners to address the next steps toward implementation. This will include working with the National Academy of Science to convene a panel of experts to advise us on infrastructure and governance necessary for the long term success of the ecodistrict

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### Comprehensive Plan

The draft update to the Visitors & Commemoration Element was released for public comment. Comments will be accepted through March 15, 2013. Staff will host a public event to discuss the update on February 20 at 6:30 pm at NCPC. The Urban Design and Preservation and Historic Features Elements public comment period closed on February 4, 2013.

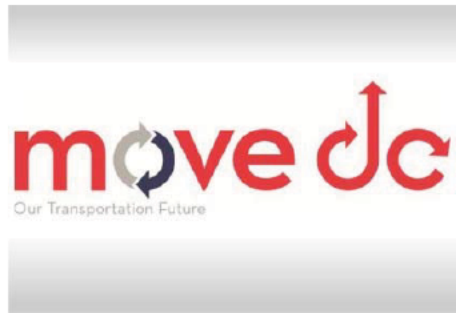


**DC Streetcar**

Staff continues to monitor the DC streetcar planning work and recently submitted comments on the Benning Road Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study for the proposed system.

**MoveDC**

This January the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) launched MoveDC, a coordinated, multimodal long-range transportation plan. This initiative will help inform strategic investments, address key challenges, and broadly set the vision for the District's transit future. Given the many transit related topics we consider during project review and our mutual goals, NCPC is pleased to serve on an Advisory Group that will help inform MoveDC. DDOT is hosting a public kick-off meeting and ideas exchange on Saturday, February 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Consult [www.wemovedc.org](http://www.wemovedc.org) for more information.



**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

**Executive Director Talks SW Ecodistrict in Ottawa**

On January 24 the Executive Director participated in the Better Buildings Breakfast “Ecodistricts: A Capital Idea” in Ottawa, Canada. He spoke about the SW Ecodistrict and other ecodistrict plans in Washington. Urban Planner Diane Sullivan joined him at the event. Public and private sector groups in Ottawa are exploring ecodistrict approaches in Canada’s capital.

**Heightened Conversations at the National Archives**

On Tuesday, March 5 NCPC and the National Archives will host *Heightened Conversations: Impacts of Building Heights in National Capitals*. A panel of international experts will consider the role governments play in managing building height in capital cities worldwide and examine strategies to balance city character and economic vitality. The discussion is part the congressionally requested Washington, DC Height Master Plan, jointly led by NCPC and the District of Columbia Office of Planning. John Worthington, Principal, DEGW Architects | Visiting Professor, University of Sheffield South Yorkshire, England will moderate the event.

**NCPC Hosts Chinese Delegation from Guangxi**

On January 15 NCPC hosted a small delegation from the Guangxi Department of Land and Resources. Policy and Policy and Research Director Mike Sherman spoke with the group. Beijing Zhongqiao International Travel Ltd. coordinated the visit.



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### **Coalition for Smarter Growth Talks Walkable Neighborhoods**

On January 20, NCPC hosted a Coalition for Smarter Growth forum that attracted nearly 100 people. Speakers Ed Lazere, Christopher Leinberger, and David Bowers presented strategies to develop walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods that are accessible to all income levels. A video of the talk can be viewed [here](#).

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## **PERSONNEL**

### **NCPC Gives Back Through Combined Federal Campaign**

NCPC staff members again generously participated in the Combined Federal Campaign, donating \$14,700 with a 100 percent participation rate in 2012's campaign. This resulted in the agency being awarded a Participation Award and the President's Award, given for per capita amount and participation. NCPC's average donation of \$400 per person far exceeded the regional average of \$170 per person. The entire amount donated in the NCR was \$56 million. Urban Planner Cheryl Kelly led this year's effort, assisted by Urban Planner Dereth Bush and Architect Kenny Walton.

