

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



d. P3/Streetlights

Streetlight Advisory Panel Meeting

District Department of Transportation

55 M Street SE, Room 639

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

4:30 – 6:00 PM

Attendees

Sharon Turner (Chair), Amanda Young (Vice Chair), Delores Bushong, Kathleen Cromley, Chyla Evans, Duilio Passariello, Laura Phinizy, David Searles, Beth Miller (NCPC), Meghan Dowker (NCPC), Daniel Fox (CFA), Kathryn Roos (DDOT), Devon Smith (DDOT), Trevor Langan (DDOT)

Agenda

- I. Project Update
- II. Presentation from the National Capital Planning Commission
 - a. Meghan Dowker, Urban Planner, and Elizabeth Miller, Director, Physical Planning Division
 - b. NCPC is the federal government's central planning agency, doing long range planning, policy, and development review.
 - c. It is comprised on a 12-member commission with representatives appointed by federal and local stakeholders.
 - d. The physical planning team does special projects. Today's presentation is the update of the Streetscape Manual.
 - e. The Manual was first created in 1992 and is used by federal and local partners. It contains specifications for the boundary that surrounds the White House, National Mall, and Capitol building.
 - f. The Manual seeks to preserve sightlines of nationally significant buildings, set apart the monumental core, and protect natural resources, such as rivers and parks.
 - i. The plan sets out a hierarchy and general lighting principles.
 - g. Because lighting technology is moving away from high pressure sodium and toward LED, there will be less distinction between the previous white and yellow streetlight colors.

- h. NCPC and its working group have classified tiers of structures, landscapes, and streetscapes.
 - i. Washington, DC, is considered a city of white light and not colored light. Additionally, from an aerial view, the footprint of the District is distinct.
 - j. NCPC and working group members would not want to totally shield the Globe fixture to maintain the historic appearance.
 - k. NCPC wants to use brightness to maintain sightlines to significant structures and hopes to work with DDOT to adjust/dim accordingly
- III. Panel Discussion on Future Agenda Items
- a. June
 - i. Review of field testing
 - ii. Wattages and lumens
 - iii. Update on the project, including smart city technology
 - iv. Open discussion
- IV. Adjourn
- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 4:30 – 6:00 PM.