**2022 NNIP Meeting Tour Descriptions**

**Affordable Housing Preservation in Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant**

Since the late-90s, the adjacent Washington D.C. neighborhoods of Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant have been the site of one the nation’s most intense gentrification battles. Majority-Black neighborhoods since the 1960s, they experienced significant divestment following riots in the aftermath of the Martin Luther King Jr. assassination. The construction of the Columbia Heights Metro station in 1996 marked the beginning of a concerted revitalization effort, with over $130 million dollars of city investment flowing into the area. From 2000 to 2010, market-rate housing prices in the neighborhoods increased 188 percent, the white population increased by over 138 percent, and the Black and Latino populations decreased by 28 and 10 percent, respectively. Despite these changes, housing and community activists have worked tirelessly to reduce displacement in both neighborhoods. In part due to their preservation efforts, more than 20 percent of the Columbia Heights’ housing stock is rent-restricted, including nearly 400 of DC’s roughly 4,300 limited-equity cooperative units. In Mount Pleasant, the successful efforts of activists led the Washington Post to declare the neighborhood “a national model for resisting gentrification.”

Tours will be conducted in each neighborhood and will require travel by Metro from L’Enfant Plaza to Columbia Heights station on the Green Line. Both tours will begin and end at the Columbia Heights station.

The **Columbia Heights tour** will be led by Kathryn Howell, a Virginia Commonwealth University professor and co-director of the RVA Eviction Lab. The tour includes stops at several buildings that were preserved as affordable. Additional points of interest include Columbia Heights Village, Samuel Kelsey and NCBA. The tour will be on foot and will cover about 1.75 miles.

The **Mount Pleasant tour** will be led by a team from Jubilee Housing, a DC-based, mission-driven housing developer. The team will be headed by Jubilee CEO and President James Knight. The tour will begin in Maycroft Apartments with a conversation about DC’s tenant protections and Jubilee’s role in the city’s housing ecosystem. The group will then visit buildings acquired through the TOPA process before returning to the Columbia Heights Metro station. The tour will be on foot and will cover about 0.75 miles.

Attendees for the Mount Pleasant tour and the Columbia Heights tour should **meet outside the Hyatt Place Washington DC/National Mall Hotel** (400 E ST SW, Washington, DC 20024) **at** **4:00 PM** to go to the Metro.

**The Wharf: Urban Renewal and Neighborhood Redevelopment in SW DC**

Andrew Trueblood, a non-resident Fellow at the Urban Institute and former Director of the DC Office of Planning, will lead a tour of The Wharf, a multi-billion-dollar, mixed-use development along Washington DC’s southwest waterfront. The tour will begin at the Urban Institute, whose location at L’Enfant Plaza necessitates a discussion of the history of southwest DC - an area that was the prototype for clearing and urban renewal policies that devastated existing neighborhoods. The tour will proceed to The Wharf and cover the planning for the development, the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, the public-private partnership, and the area’s design and construction. Andrew will also discuss efforts to engage community members and create affordable housing. Points of interest include the Maine Avenue Fish Market, the oldest open-air fish market in the United States, the Anthem music venue, the Wharf Marina, and Arena Stage. The walking tour will cover about 1.5 miles and end at The Wharf, where there are many dining options and access to Metrorail.

Attendees for the Wharf tour should **meet at the Promenade Level** (PL) of Urban’s building (500 L’Enfant Plaza SW) **at 4:00 PM**.