

BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE REVIEW PANEL
MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 18, 2007

Meeting No: 51

Project: Wilmer Eye Institute

Phase: Continued Schematic

Location: Johns Hopkins Medical Institute (JHMI)

PRESENTATION:

Michael Iati, of JHMI, provided an update on the status of the project and a response to the Panel's previous concern about the location of the Clinical/Outpatient entry. After further investigation of this issue, Hopkins has concluded that any change in location of this entry would cause logistical problems for the institution. Following the above, Adam Gross and Mike Barber, of ASG, presented new exhibits that dealt with the Panel's previous comments and Scott Scarfone of the Oasis Design Group reviewed modifications to the site and landscape aspects of the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

The Panel appreciated the design refinements presented, particularly the consistency now indicated in the window treatment on all the major facades. Specific Panel comments consisted of the following:

1. Clinical Entry

Although still concerned about the location of the clinical entrance, the proposal of a significant graphic embellishment at this entry appeared to have merit. However, the Panel suggests that a large expanse of exterior glass be introduced to this area locating the graphic panel on an interior rather than exterior wall. Further, the entry canopy for this area requires additional study to develop an element of greater emphasis.

2. Atrium Expression

As the atrium is a major design element of the design, the Panel continues to believe that the exterior expression of the atrium should be strengthened. Various suggestions were made relative to the location of the glass and the copper panels at the top. Further study is recommended for this area.

3. Broadway Signature

The development of the building's signature glass end on Broadway was generally well received. Suggestions were made to sharpen the edge of this glass element at the corner of Broadway and Jefferson Street and to consider a greater articulation at the top of this glass feature to express the boardroom located at the top level.

4. Miscellaneous

The slots at the stairways should have the glass set back in the same manner as the other fenestration on the main facades.

The wall opening on Orleans Street, for access to the clinical entry, is a major improvement.

PANEL ACTION:

Schematic approved with comments

Attending:

Michael Iati – Johns Hopkins Hospital
Adam Gross, Mike Barber – Ayers Saint Gross
Scott C. Scarfone – Oasis Design Group
Jay Brodie, Paul Dombrowski, Shubroto Bose – BDC

Ms. Dietsch, Messrs. Bowden, Ramberg, Schack, Britt and Cameron – Panel
Gary Cole, Bob Quilter - Planning