

**BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE REVIEW PANEL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** April 26, 2007

**Meeting No:** 58

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**Project:** Mercy Hospital Master Plan and Hospital Building    **Phase:** Schematic

**Location:** Mercy Hospital/St. Paul Street

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**PRESENTATION:**

Judy Weiland of Mercy Hospital and Mitchell Alguadich, MKA Associates presented the Hospital's principles of development and growth, which underpin its master planning efforts. Steve Kelly, landscape architect with Mahan Rykiel, presented proposed hospital campus connections to Preston Gardens. Jim Curran of Ellerbe Becket presented a schematic design for the new building proposed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:**

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. To question the relationship between the curved wall shown at the patient tower wall and the faceted penthouse above. Why do these gestures seem unrelated? Consistency might be desirable.
2. To express the view that a taller tower might be better for this piece of the Mercy Campus.
3. To question the large area of solid brick wall at the base of the north face of the Tower.
4. To support the proposal made to apply for a narrower Saint Paul Street cartway which would permit better street tree planting opposite Preston Gardens.
5. To suggest that pursuing a balance between horizontal and vertical expression with the brick and glass veneers might work better than the occasional appearance of layering.
6. To express interest in the development of the roof garden proposed. This might be architectural as with shading devices as well as in terms of plantings proposed.
7. To recommend some sort of tower expression at the northeast corner as at the northwest corner.
8. To recommend that a future model presentation include façade treatment, in the interest of clarifying the vocabulary development.
9. To express pleasant surprise at the façade presentation – unanticipated by the rather crude white model.
10. To recommend any possible reduction of the tower projection to the west, so as to open up the roof top terrace to the south.
11. To express various views regarding the buff colored base shown below brick veneer.

**PANEL ACTION:**

The Panel approves this schematic design proposal as noted.

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**Attending:**

Judy Weiland – Mercy Medical Center

Adrian Hagarty, Jim Curran – Ellerbe-Becket

Mitchell Alguadich – MKA-Associates

Ryan Potter – Gallagher-Evelius

Steve Kelly – MRA

Jay Brodie, Colin Tarbert, Shubroto Bose – BDC

Ms. Dietsch; Messrs. Ramberg, Schack, Britt and Cameron – Panel

Doug McCoach, Gary Cole, Theo Ngongang, Thor Nelson - Planning