

BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE REVIEW PANEL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 7, 2007

Meeting No.: 61

Project: Saint Agnes Hospital PUD

Phase: Master Plan

Location: Caton and Wilkens Avenues

PRESENTATION:

Michael Thurston and Kenneth Webb, architects, and Ann Kemble, landscape architect, all from RTKL, presented revisions to the master plan based on previous Panel comments from April 26, 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. To recognize in general a good response to previous comments and concerns.
2. To see the proposed medical office building as somewhat “hidden”. Is this desirable?
3. To suggest that the parking shown in front of this building appears to violate the general strategy of improving existing conditions at entrances with landscape in lieu of parking.
4. To welcome the richness of the landscape design at the center of the new campus.
5. To question, however, if the circular space shown as an exterior gathering spot for staff will be used as suggested. It is open to surrounding car traffic and complicated in form and detail. An “exterior room” seems a good idea in itself, perhaps of a more relaxed geometry and form.
6. To question the relationship between adjacent trellised constructions at the main drop-off and small circular court.
7. To recommend a more continuous street tree planting along the principal roadway, revising what is shown in front of the new parking garage.
8. To recommend more attention to the Wilkens Avenue frontage. As it is, it seems neglected or left over from existing conditions.
9. To see in the serpentine road flanked by landscaped niches a strong basic master plan strategy. Every possible strengthening of this plan as indicated in the aforementioned comments would be desirable.

PANEL ACTION:

The Panel approves this revised master plan with attention to the comments cited above.

Attending:

William C. Greskovich – Vice President of Operations, Saint Agnes Hospital

Michael Thurston, Kenneth Webb, Ann Kemble, Brian Cornell – RTKL

John d'Epagnier – RK&K

David Vollmer - KLMK

Shubroto Bose – BDC

Messrs Bowden, Ramberg, Schack and Cameron – Panel

Doug McCoach, Wolde Ararsa, Natasha Poole, Bob Quilter - Planning