

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

Date: August 23, 2007

Meeting No: 66

Project: Research Office Building

Phase: Introduction

Location: South Side West Baltimore Street

PRESENTATION:

Bill Gaudreau, architect, introduced initial program and design considerations to be addressed by the architects and the developer (Wexford) for this proposed building on the south side of the 800 block West Baltimore Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. One member expressed a preference for the Option I proposal, with the centered building entrance.
2. To find the roof and penthouse expression of Option I less promising than that shown on Option II. The loggia expression seems a good idea, on both the north and south facades.
3. To see merit in both options. A corner entrance could relate more directly to the garage entrance across the street.

Ms. Elizabeth Waters, a community representative, expressed interest in seeing and commenting on a master plan before buildings are approved for development and construction on the south side of Baltimore Street. The Planning Department is in agreement with this and would like the developer and UMB Biopark to work in concert to offer such studies.

PANEL ACTION:

Introduction Only

Attending:

Steve Hanssen – Wexford
Susan Williams – STV

Bill Gaudreau, Jim Bartlett, Stephen Leonhardt, Donald Wilhelm – Gaudreau, Inc.
Sue Schultz – Baltimore Business Journal
Paul Dombrowski, Shubroto Bose – BDC
Elizabeth Waters – Hollins/Roundhouse

Messrs. Ramberg, Schack and Britt – Panel
Gary Cole, Brent Flickinger, Bob Quilter - Planning