

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

Date: November 8, 2007

Meeting No: 70

Project: Crossroads School

Phase: Introduction

Location: Living Classrooms Caroline Street Campus

PRESENTATION:

Living Classrooms representative Bill Cunningham described the need for the building and its program. The architect reviewed how the site influences the location and footprint of the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

1. The Panel members suggested the future development at Harborpoint may reorient the approach to the site and recommended the building be designed to accommodate that as a possibility.
2. The diagonal walkway limits the green space uses.
3. The building should minimize its impact on the site and allow maximized views to the wetlands. The spaces on either ends of the building are currently very tight.
4. The “signature” wall arrival to the building from the existing entrance should be rethought.
5. Some members suggested looking at having the boardwalk on the wetlands side of the building and allowing the walk from the entrance to continue straight across to the other side of the campus. Others suggested raising the building a half level above the natural grade exposing a natural shoreline.
6. Future presentations should include images of the neighboring existing buildings, especially within the Campus.

In general, members of the Panel questioned whether the butterfly roof, the overall character and scale of the building and the material selection are appropriate contributions to the final element of this existing maritime-related campus.

PANEL ACTION:

None required.

Attending:

Bill Cunningham – Living Classrooms

Matt Poe, Adam Sheraden - ASG

Marianne Navarro – BDC

Ed Gunts – The Sun

Messrs. Bowden, Ramberg, Schack, Cameron and Britt – Panel

Doug McCoach, Bob Quilter - Planning