

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

## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** January 10, 2008

**Meeting No:** 72

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**Project:** UMB Biopark Master Plan

**Phase:** Master Plan

**Location:** UMB Biopark, West Baltimore Street Area

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### **PRESENTATION:**

Jane Shaab, of UMB, outlined the development status of the UMB BioPark and the current efforts to develop a Master Plan for the area. Amelle Schultz, of ASG, the firm responsible for this effort, presented an excellent power point analysis that identified the design principles that would guide the development of the Master Plan. This included circulation, streetscape, open space, massing and neighborhood connection issues.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:**

The presentation was well received. Panel members suggested that the planning study consider, among others, the following:

- The assessment, articulation of purpose and organization of useful public space in the area.
- The need for a strong emphasis and articulation of north/south movement in the area.
- The connections to the larger community across MLK Blvd. at various points including at the Lexington Market.
- The possibility of more diverse massing – perhaps some elements of greater height.
- The development of a unique precinct with its own identity and legacy.
- The need to respect the historic district to the west and south as well as the residential scale to the north.

Interested community residents at the meeting also stressed the importance of the Master Plan and the need to plan for an active streetscape that would encourage retail and night life activities that would benefit the greater community.

### **PANEL ACTION:**

Master Plan discussion – no formal action.

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**Attending:**

Jane Shaab – UMB/UMB Biopark

Stephen Hanssen, Sandy Weeks, Catherine Vorwald – Wexford

Susan Williams – STV

Amelle Schultz, Dana Perzynski Ayers Saint Gross

Bill Gaudreau, Jim Bartlett, Chris Taylor, Jung Han, Stephen Leonhardt – Gaudreau, Inc.

Ted Naos – 907 West Baltimore Street Owner

Jeff La Noue – Jubilee Baltimore

Betsey Waters, Jane Buccheri – Hollins Roundhouse

Micha Dannenberg – Hollins Market

Lorraine Mirabella – Baltimore Sun

Holly Arnold – Downtown Partnership of Baltimore

Jay Brodie, John Thompson – BDC

Ms. Eig; Messrs. Bowden, Schack, Britt and Cameron – Panel

Doug McCoach, Brent Flickinger, Carmen Morosan, Bob Quilter - Planning

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