

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

Date: March 27, 2008

Meeting No.: 78

Project: Redwood and Charles Redevelopment

Phase: Revised Schematic

Location: Redwood and Charles Streets (SE Corner)

PRESENTATION:

Walter Schamu of SMG Architects presented a revised design for the renovation of the historic building at the corner and a new infill building to the south, next to 25 South Charles Street, as a 168 key Cambria Grand Suite Hotel project. Changes were presented through drawings and a massing/elevation model. Elevations of the new building will be of pre-cast concrete, glass and aluminum.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

The Panel appreciated the revised design with the clear separation between the renovated existing building and the new building. Comments included the following:

1. If negotiations can be successful with the owners of 25 South Charles, the taller new in-fill building is preferred.
2. Further design study of the north-facing façade of the new building is requested.
3. The final presentation must include samples of all exterior materials, lighting, signage and streetscape design.

PANEL ACTION:

Revised Schematic approved with comments.

Attending:

Walter Schamu, Charles Patterson – SMG Architects
James Tierney – Choice Hotels
Elmer Coppoolse, Dhanraj Sungli – Axela Hospitality
Jay Brodie – BDC

Ms. Eig, Messrs. Bowden and Schack – Panel
Bob Quilter - Planning