

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

## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** September 10, 2009

**Meeting No:** 100

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**Project:** Shock Trauma Expansion at University of Maryland

**Phase:** Schematic

**Location:** NE Corner of Lombard and Penn Streets

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### **PRESENTATION:**

Following a brief accounting by Robert Quilter, Planning, of the Urban Design Goals established for this project, Mike Wasserman of UMMS provided a project introduction, outlining the role and importance of the Trauma Center to the State of Maryland. Leonard Taylor, Jr. of UMMC, facilities, then identified the specifics of the site and the general program elements of the addition. This was followed by an excellent presentation by Eric Swanson of Ballinger, Architects. With the support of a model and power point images, he identified the site restrictions and the relationship of the addition to the existing Shock Trauma building and the Weinberg building. Three small models indicated variations in the addition's design, although all indicated a 24 foot cantilever, of the main mass, over Penn Street. Materials under consideration include limestone and terra cotta to provide texture and warm tones to the project.

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

The Panel complimented the Architect on the excellent professional presentation. While individual comments followed, the Panel agreed that the major design issues concerned the cantilever over Penn Street and the Lombard Street façade. The following suggestions resulted:

#### I. CANTILEVER

Alternative A - Visually, the cantilever is more successful when the top floor is set back or articulated to give some indication of the role of the truss as a structural member supporting six floors. (Model C)

Alternative B - Consider a change to the role and treatment of Penn Street and provide appropriately designed supports that eliminate the need for the cantilever.

#### II. LOMBARD STREET FAÇADE

Further study is suggested to consider refinements to the proportions of various elements and consider additional solid elements to relate more effectively to the Weinberg building.

### III. CORNER TREATMENT

Further study is needed for the corner treatment of the lower floors at Lombard and Penn Street.

#### **PANEL ACTION:**

##### Schematic Approval Withheld

The Panel wishes to see further design development that will consider the issues raised in this review. It has confidence in the design team's ability to deal effectively with the Panel's comments and urges that another meeting be scheduled as early as possible.

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#### **Attending:**

Mark Wasserman, Art Hilsenrad, Darryl Mealy and Rick Dunning – UMMS

Leonard Taylor, Jr. – UMMC

Anand Bhandari – Consultant

Eric Swanson, Steve Wittry, Marcus Acheson – Ballinger

Jay Brodie, Paul Dombrowski – BDC

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

Gary Cole, Wolde Ararsa, Alex Hoffman, Bob Quilter - Planning