

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

Date: December 10, 2009

Meeting No: 105

Project: Sinai Children's Hospital Addition

Phase: Schematic

Location: Sinai Hospital PUD

PRESENTATION:

Rolf Haarstad of Hord Coplan Macht, project architect, introduced the Children's Hospital Addition project. It is the first phase of a new frontispiece and entrance area for the Hospital.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

The Panel was pleased with the phased approach to the hospital additions. It offered the following comments and recommendations:

- 1) This addition is the forerunner of the future hospital, and as such it should provide a strong design that represents the intended design of the completed project. Therefore, it is critical that the design for this addition, although small, be carefully conceived.
- 2) The design should offer a clearly defined motif that is an appropriate baseline or springboard for the design work for the rest of the project. This can be achieved by focusing on a clear geometry, rather than using a variety of forms.
- 3) The design of the exterior landscape concept and the interior public areas should be coordinated so they work as a unified feature that organizes the visitor experience and use of the hospital campus. The main angled access "corridor" should read both inside and out. Wayfinding should be accomplished as part of the design, in the arrangement of spaces and landscape, and not be totally dependent on signage.
- 4) The entry vestibule is too tight and should read more obviously as an entry point. More attention is needed for all entry points.
- 5) Care should be taken to avoid rooms looking into interior space.
- 6) The special-ness of the projecting "special piece" should be reinforced by better integrating it into the interior floor plan. The room should read more as part of the user experience, with visual connection through the space from entry points, and not just as an appendage.

PANEL ACTION:

Schematic Approved.

Attending:

Rolf Haarstad, Brantley Davis, Tim Barnhill – HCM
Barbara Gilbert – Life Bridge Health

Ms. Eig; Messrs Bowden, Ramberg, Britt and Cameron – Panel
Wolde Ararsa, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter - Planning