

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

**Date:** January 21, 2010

**Meeting No.:** 107

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**Project:** Lyric Theatre Expansion

**Phase:** Schematic

**Location:** Maryland and Mount Royal Avenues

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**PRESENTATION:**

Jonathan Fishman and Mario Boiardi of RCG Architects presented revisions to the most recent design for the proposal to enlarge and improve the stage potential of the Lyric Theatre.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:**

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. To recognize this revised proposal as a big improvement. The scale looks good.
2. Most panel members suggest a bit more detail in the new construction, perhaps standing seam roofing and a more industrial metal section than the half round columns shown supporting the glazed wall.
3. To recommend brackets under the projecting floor. Perhaps the floor construction should be more substantially expressed.
4. To encourage pursuit of a strategy that would further de-emphasize the north end extension.
5. To express interest in the lighting scheme to be proposed.
6. To recommend abandonment of any focus on "New Orleans" precedent. In the matter of historicism, careful patterning of metal work seems, however, appropriate.
7. To recommend that both ends of the rear wall where it is rebuilt at the top match and show the return now existing.
8. To indicate concern about riser enclosure shown along the south wall corner. This aspect deserves particular attention in a future presentation.
9. To recommend that the glass be the same throughout to provide a more cohesive look. If more privacy or opaqueness is required, additional material or screening inside the glass could prove effective and less jarring to the overall appearance from the exterior.

**PANEL ACTION:**

The Panel approves this schematic presentation as noted and looks forward to a future presentation with attention to comments above.

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**Attending:**

Jonathan Fishman, Mario Boiardi – RCG Architects

Sandy Richmond – Lyric

Ed Gunts - Sunpapers

Jay Brodie, Paul Dombrowski – BDC

Ms. Eig, Messrs. Bowden, Ramberg, Britt and Cameron – Panel

Tom Stosur, Bob Quilter - Planning