

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

Date: January 21, 2010

Meeting No.: 107

Project: Sinai Children's Hospital Addition

Phase: Continued Final

Location: Sinai Hospital PUD

PRESENTATION:

Rolf Haarstad of Hord Coplan Macht presented a revised design, which included:

- Straightening the connector between the addition and the main hospital that will create a continuous connection in the future hospital expansion.
- Relocating the crosswalks to align with the front entrance and the walkway from the outer parking lot.

He also restated that the use of the skewed geometry and the arcing walls is to distinguish the addition entrance from the rest of the hospital as well as to maintain distance from the existing patient rooms as per code.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

The Panel felt that the straightening of the connector piece was a great improvement both in the short term as well as in relation to the future expansion of the hospital. The Panel had the following recommendations:

1. The crosswalks should be consolidated and relocated under the eastern edge of the overhanging building. This would provide for a protected walkway and be consistent with the plans for the future location of crosswalks elsewhere.
2. The northern columns along the edge of the building still appear smaller than the interior columns. It is recommended that these columns be enlarged to be at least the same size as the interior columns.
3. Regarding the future expansion, it was recommended that 1) the new main entrance not be "bumped out" into the drop-off area, and 2) the green space currently located in the front of the Children's addition should remain if possible.

PANEL ACTION:

Final Approval with comments.

Attending:

Rolf Haarstad, Scott Davis – HCM

Dorothy Hellman – LBH

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

Gary Cole, Wolde Ararsa, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter - Planning