

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

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 11, 2010

Meeting No:109

Project: Parks & People Headquarters

Phase: Discussion

Location: SW Corner Druid Hill Park

PRESENTATION:

Bob Quilter of the Department of Planning introduced project goals and an explanation of the review process intended for this important development of a western corner of Druid Hill Park. Minutes of this UDARP Discussion will be forwarded to the CHAP Commission as urban design recommendations. Jackie Carrera of Parks & People and Steve Ziger of Ziger/Snead Architects then presented a preliminary design for the historic Druid Hill Park Superintendent's House restoration, new construction nearby and a general 9 acre site improvement project aimed at LEED Platinum Certification. The project is intended to be a model for other similar future city projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. To recognize that the roadway separating the terrace from Druid Hill Park significantly undermines the relationship between the two.
2. To see what is proposed nonetheless as desirable and well-conceived.
3. To suggest that the fenced zone proposed might better be reduced in size.
4. To express appreciation for both restoration and improvements proposed.
5. To recommend, if possible, the new building and adjacent improvements be pulled together so as to occupy less of the site and kept further from the adjacent roadway.
6. To recognize that the new "barn" building represents a superior design
7. To see the direction of the whole enterprise as very promising. The storm water retention issue, however, is a concern.
8. To recognize the northeast meadow restoration as an important and promising feature of the design proposal.
9. To suggest that it might strengthen the relationship between Auchentoroly Terrace and Druid Hill Park to enlarge and tree plant the median in the roadway.

PANEL ACTION:

Discussion only. The Panel was pleased to see this promising project and wishes it well in further development and the CHAP review process.

Attending:

Jackie Carrera, Jean DuBose – Parks & People
Steve Ziger, Hugh McCormick, Dan Carter – Ziger/Snead
Robert Hedden – Synthesis/Parks & People
Addison Palmer – STV
Ed Gunts – Sunpapers
Mary Porter, Gennedy Schwartz – R&P
Jay Brodie, Ben Stone – BDC

Messrs. Bowden, Ramberg, Britt and Cameron – Panel
Tom Stosur, Gary Cole, Laurie Feinberg, Lisa Morris, Beth Strommen, Gary Letteron,
Wolde Ararsa, Kathleen Kotarba, Brigitte Fessenden, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter -
Planning