

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

Date: March 10, 2011

Meeting No: 124

Project: Social Security Administration

Phase: Final

Location: Wabash Ave. & Mount Hope Drive

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Rich Jordan, from JBG, reviewed with the Panel their team's understanding of where they are and what they hoped to accomplish with their presentation. He then introduced Mr. Robert Allen, architect with AECOM. Mr. Allen pointed out design revisions in the main building to accommodate security requirements. The security check point has been moved out of the Arc of Light atrium into an attached separate glass building located next to the main building. The building façade has punched windows in a buff colored pre-cast wall system with gray accent bands at each floor. The front plaza was modified based on the new secured entrance building. The Fire lane is now lined with trees on both sides down to Mount Hope Drive. The Day Care building was pushed into the slope to provide grade access to both levels. Its' roof is split by a butterfly form. The Loading Area for the complex is to be covered by 5"X12" fins. Identification signs are at the main entrance, the garden entrance and at the corner of Mt. Hope and Wabash.

The parking structure façade is exposed pre-cast architectural concrete with vertical Green Screens from the ground upwards on every other bay breaking down the mass of the structure.

COMMENTS OF THE PANEL:

The Panel members suggested the Security Pavilion follow the arc of the main building. Panel members repeated their disapproval of the aesthetics of the parking structure and preferred the direction the design team had taken previously. The Panel asked the architect to study the aesthetics of the Parking Structure presented previously and repeated their previous comments. The Panel also asked that the next presentation of the garage include the elevation of the main building.

Also, regarding the garage:

- Greater attention should be given to the basic design of the concrete structure beneath the Green Screens.

- The top of the parapet should be straight; the building elements should provide a frame for the Green Screen, and those screens could be made larger and articulate the building façade.
- The entrance should be visually stronger and made a clearer element of the façade

PANEL ACTION:

Final approval with comments of the Main Building, Day Care and Site.
Parking Structure final approval withheld.

Attending:

Rich Jordan, John Kraus, John Simeon, Craig Ciekot - JBG
Robert Allen, Jon Miller, David Bennett, Irena Savakova - AECOM
Susan Williams, Tony Cortea - STV
Stanley Fine, Caroline Hecker - RMG
David Klein - Klein Enterprises
Nicholas Bollinger - Baltimore Biz Journal
Jay Brodie - BDC

Ms. Eig; Messrs. Bowden, Ramberg, Britt and Cameron - Panel
Tom Stosur, Gary Cole, Sara Paraniyam, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter - Planning