

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

**Date:** August 8, 2011

**Meeting No.:** 133

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**Project:** Coppin State Univ. – Science & Technology Center

**Phase:** Discussion

**Location:** SW Corner of West North Ave. and Warwick

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**PRESENTATION:**

Richard Williams of Cannon Design presented the location of this project on the Coppin State campus, its North Avenue rowhouse surroundings, adjacent parking areas, site topography, and existing adjacent new buildings as well as schematic building plans.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:**

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. Where will there be a coffee shop adjacent to the proposed courtyard? There is a great opportunity to plan a space for a retail tenant that will help populate the new quad and steps with faculty, students, and visitors.
2. What is proposed in the way of security for this courtyard in off hours? There needs to be a balance between creating a feeling of enclosure within the courtyard and gardens and an open sense of space for visual connection and security.
3. What is proposed in the way of sun shading at the glass faculty office block? Since the proposed offices are closed spaces, will the glass box glow as intended? Will there need to be additional lights to create that effect if the individual office lights are turned off for the night?
4. What are the collaboration spaces shown? Can they relate more to the exterior/landscaping and be more visually accessible from the exterior?
5. The materials proposed, zinc and terra cotta, seem desirable but at risk of value engineering.
6. What will make an effective edge for the proposed courtyard along North Ave. in the daytime, where the light columns act at night?
7. What is proposed by Coppin in the way of a strategy to address future development of adjacent real estate for housing/retail activities that are or will be campus oriented? This project may begin neighborhood revitalization and investment and the University should consider its approach/needs for future expansion.
8. What thoughts are there about indentifying the Coppin State campus as a unique and recognizable place? An overall landscape strategy seems a promising direction to

- take. North Avenue could be developed as a campus spine of sorts, as could the main walkway.
9. Is there a possibility of connecting the proposed green roof with the development of the planting at the base of the building? Can the building be more integrated with the landscape and garden areas created around it?
  10. What is proposed as the finish of the prominent north-south ramp proposed? It is a main feature at the pedestrian level of the new quad and should not be overlooked.

The Panel felt this was an exciting project and wishes Coppin State University well with this development.

**PANEL ACTION:**

Discussion only – no decision needed.

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**Attending:**

Richard Williams, Lee Coyle, Taejun James Kim – Cannon Design

Liling Tien – P.E.L.A Design

Maria Prawirodihardjo, Sheryl Garnicki, Christine Quinn, Roy Brown – UMB

Sabrina Bass – CSU

Jay Brodie - BDC

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

Tom Stosur, Gary Cole, Anthony Cataldo, Kate Edwards - Planning