

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

**Date:** October 27, 2011

**Meeting No.:** 138

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**Project:** Waverly Library Renovations

**Phase:** Schematic

**Location:** 33<sup>rd</sup> and Barclay

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**PRESENTATION:**

The project was presented as a renovation expansion of a neighborhood library facility. Stephanie Schaefer from BHA shared with the Panel the various footprint expansion options they studied with their sustainability goal of LEED Silver. Their preferred design adds a pie shape addition to the front of the building parallel to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and in line with the corner theater building to the east. The presented scheme retains the large sidewalk area on the west side as-is with a new ramp for accessibility. The existing pre-cast concrete eyebrows above the existing windows are retained on the west façade.

The addition has an arched fly roof, tapering down to a lower flat canopy over the central entrance supported by cables and extending east over a window wall. Below the arch roof and above the window wall are opaque panels. Part of the Common Reading Room ceiling is under the new arch roof and part under the existing roof.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:**

Panel members expressed the following concerns:

1. Use all of the area below the arched roof to let light into the Common Reading Room.
2. Investigate either supporting the flat canopy without the cable connections to the building wall or not extending the canopy.
3. Simplify the canopy above the side entrance without mimicking the pre-cast eyebrow.
4. Develop a streetscape/landscape scheme for the west sidewalk/side entrance area.
5. Present a comprehensive streetscape plan for lighting and landscaping all sides of the project.
6. Begin to finalize the rear paving area and include landscaping and screening where possible.
7. Be sure that all rooftop mechanical is properly setback and screened.
8. Locate signage in appropriate areas and be sure they conform with urban renewal plan requirements.
9. Consider how this site fits with improvements planned for the greater area.

**PANEL ACTION:**

Schematic approval withheld.

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**Attending:**

John Richardson – Enoch Pratt Free Library  
Margaret Martin, Dennis Chojnowski – DGS  
Stephanie Schaefer – Buchart Horn  
Mark Counselman – Oakenshawe Improvement Association  
Regina T. Boyce – City Council President's Office  
Gaylord Dutton - BDC

Ms. Eig; Messrs. Bowden, Britt and Cameron – Panel  
Tom Stosur, Sara Paraniyam, Beth Strommen, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter – Planning