

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

Date: January 25, 2018

Meeting #251

Project: JHU School of Nursing – Pinkard Building Addition

Phase: Schematic

Location: 525 N Wolfe St, Baltimore MD 21205

PRESENTATION:

Lee Coil with Johns Hopkins University introduced the design team and project background for the 27,500 SF renovation and 36,500 SF addition to the existing 5-story Pinkard Building at the School of Nursing on Johns Hopkins University, East Baltimore Campus.

Paul Lund, Architect with Hord Coplan Macht, reviewed the site context, relevant local precedents and key design goals. The project includes demolition of an adjacent 3-story structure and interior reconfiguration of spaces to accommodate new entry, ground level program and collaborative learning spaces at the north end of the existing building and the new addition. The proposed design replaces portions of the existing façade for a continuous glass treatment with the addition resulting in a 5-story volume that contrasts the precast exterior of the existing building and establishes a new prominent entry on Wolfe Street with café and clear signage and a ‘Study Cube’ two-story collaborative space above highly visible from all main view corridors. Other design features include greater transparency deeper into the ground level of the building and a clear connection to the existing courtyard on the east side of the building.

Om Khurjekar, Landscape Architect with Hord Coplan Macht, reviewed the proposed streetscape treatment, design of the new entry plaza on Wolfe Street and landscape modifications on the courtyard side.

Comments from the Panel:

The Panel applauded the clarity and finesse of the overall building and site concept. The entry and ground level design as well as the overall massing and material articulation of the building were found particularly successful in reenergizing that portion of the campus and treating it as an urban space by providing visual and physical connectivity from all directions.

The Panel recommended further study of the main entry plaza in an effort to improve the ramp configuration and location in favor of an unobstructed entry sequence and gathering space. Additional suggestion included further refinement of the courtyard façade as it engages the existing building and ground plane.

Panel Action:

The Panel recommended Approval of Schematic Design with comments above.

Attending: Lee Coil, Kelley Robinson, Mark Geppi – JHU Facilities & Real Estate
Om Khurjekar, Hillary Zoretic, Julie Wiggins, Ryan Maters, Kim Rhodes, Hannah Rosenberg, Paul Lund - HCM

Messrs. Bowden and Burns, Mses. O'Neill and Ilieva* - UDARP Panel
Anthony Cataldo - Planning