

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

Date: June 14, 2018

Meeting #4

Project: Beatty Hall Addition

Phase: Continued Schematic

Location: Loyola University - Charles Street at East Cold Spring Lane

CONTEXT/BACKGROUND:

Helen Schneider opened the presentation by discussing general context, history and the campus master plan. Followed up by descriptions from the design architect and landscape architect regarding the changes from the previous presentation.

DISCUSSION:

Site:

The panel began with many clarification questions regarding building use, pedestrian flow and access of the site.

There was general agreement in the need for the design team to further clarify the hierarchy of pedestrian movement through the site through further analysis and diagramming. Specifically the panel noted a lack of hierarchy in pedestrian routes around the building and recommended creating a place of decision making on the west side of the building before the loading area and either narrowing or removing the pedestrian access along the western side adjacent the loading dock.

Although the primary access has improved by making the route more direct from the quad to the building the panel agreed that further exploration should be completed to improve and combine access for abled/disabled users. This is a threshold to the campus and should be considered and addressed as such.

The design team should further study the master plan and conduct contextual analysis to verify if the scale of the “plaza” is appropriate for the use of the building and the general number of users passing through the site. Simply increasing the number of trees and/or planting could change the feel of the plaza to something more appropriate in scale while still allowing for larger groups to occupy the site.

Building:

The panel generally applauded the improvements to the building specifically noting the lifting up of the volume. However, this was discussed in conjunction with the possible edits to pedestrian access along the loading dock side. These modifications (whether to return to the previous building massing concept for this side or pursue the current) should be considered in tandem.

Further attention is needed on the E. Cold Spring Lane façade where the ‘floating’ panel rests on the base of the building. Investigation into specific materials, physical reveals, and alignments will help clarify the concerns at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

This projects will advance to Design Development addressing the comments above.

Attending:

Kate Grubb Clark, Helen Schnieder - Loyola University

Nathaniel Finley - Shepley Bulfinch

Om Khurjekar - HCM

Adam Lawton - WBCM

Messrs. Anthony, Ostovar*, Mses. Wagner, and Ilieva - UDAAP Panel

Anthony Cataldo, Christina Hartsfield - Planning