MEETING SUMMARY

The Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee (PYDAC)
November 20, 2006
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Gold Room-1, Lee Center

Committee Members in Attendance:
Susanne Carnell
Bill Hendrickson, Chair
Sandy Modell
Sylvia Sibrover
Stephen Koenig

Excused Absences:
Rob Treadway
Maria Wasowski
Catherine Moore
Teri Webster

Staff:
Jeffrey Farner, P&Z
Amy Tarce, P&Z
Raka Choudhury, P&Z
Colleen Rafferty, P&Z
John North, Fire
Al Cox, Code Enforcement
Jeremy McPike, General Services
Beth Carton, RP&CA

Applicant Representatives:
Elizabeth McKeebey, Walsh Colucci Lubeley Emrich &Walsh PC

AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation and Discussion of Fire Station Concept Plan
- Approval of PYDAC Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2006
    - September 13, 2006
- Next Regular Meetings Tentative):
    - December 13, 2006
    - January 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Hendrickson opened the meeting and discussed the agenda.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF FIRE STATION CONCEPT PLAN

Jeffrey Farner gave a brief presentation to the Committee. (The presentation is available for viewing on the City's website.)

DISCUSSION

1. For the next meeting, bring examples of other Richardson Romanesque buildings, including some large-scale buildings and examples where bay windows like the ones proposed for the Fire Station have been used.

2. The Committee was supportive of the LEED Certification for the ground floor and Earthcraft House Program for the residential units that the City intends to pursue for the building.

3. The Fire Station bay doors should be emphasized more at the Main Street façade.

4. The residential entry should be revisited to create a more inviting arcade. Consider an alternative treatment such as mosaics or brick patterning to the blank walls at the entrance.

5. Provide alternative blank wall treatments at the ground floor level for the Utility Room at the N-W corner of the building to animate the Route 1 streetscape.

6. Provide details of the treatment at the S-W corner of the building where the retail is, for more pedestrian interaction and animation at Route 1.

7. PYDAC requested a contextual study of Route 1 elevations, showing Landbay H elevations.

8. At the next meeting, PYDAC would like to see more details and material boards showing the color palette to be used on the exterior.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Sandy Modell and seconded by Sylvia Sibrover, the Committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the November 8, 2006 meeting. Approved 4-1 (Abstain).

NEXT STEPS

Next meetings – Regular December and January meetings: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 and January 10, 2007 to discuss the Fire Station.