

MEETING SUMMARY

The Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee (PYDAC)

November 14, 2007

7:30 - 10:00 pm

Room 1101, Sister Cities Conference Room, City Hall

Committee Members in Attendance:

Bill Hendrickson, Chair
Susanne Carnell
Joe Hart
Stephen Koenig
Sandy Modell
Catherine Moore
Sylvia Sibrover
Maria Wasowski
Teri Webster

City Staff:

Amy Tarce, P&Z
Raka Choudhury, P&Z
Beth Carton, RP&CA
Mary Stephenson, RP&CA
Monk Askew, Consultant, MONK LLC

Applicant Representatives:

Jeff Salinetti, MRP Realty
Dennis Carmichael, EDAW
Raffael Scasserra, Gensler
Jeff Barber, Gensler
Cathy Puskar, WCLEW
Marty Wells, Wells & Associates
Steve Schmidt, Wells & Associates

Other:

Mariella Posey, Citizen

AGENDA ITEMS

- Potomac Yard Landbay G Concept Presentation
 - a. Plan Update
 - b. Loading, Access and Parking
 - c. General Massing
- Approval of PYDAC Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Hendrickson opened the meeting discussed the meeting agenda.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Gensler presented an update to the plan and Marty Wells from Wells & Associates talked about shared parking and its implementation around the region.

DISCUSSION

1. Members discussed the courtyard in Building H and wanted to know if that would be designed as a roof garden.

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2. The relationship of building heights with adjoining uses and the treatment of the south facades of Buildings C and F with the residential in Landbay H were re-emphasized.
3. Members agreed that the issue of the Route 1 frontage and engaging the street at Building H had not been adequately addressed. Additional doors and entrances on Route 1 were strongly recommended.
4. Regarding shared parking, the Applicant clarified that this would apply only to retail and the visitor component of residential. In addition, members wanted to know how the examples of (percentage) reduced parking provided for Reston and Shirlington compared with the proposed reduction per the zoning ordinance/code requirements in Alexandria.
5. Committee members asked for further exploration of the open space design.
6. Sustainability and accessibility were other issues brought up by PYDAC members.
7. PYDAC members brought up the issue of the pedestrian bridge across the railway tracks and stated that they ~~believe that the design and location of the~~ the bridge ~~was within PYDAC's purview.~~

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Susanne Carnell and seconded by Maria Wasowski, the Committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the October 10, 2007 meeting. Approved 9-0.

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