

## MEETING SUMMARY

### The Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee (PYDAC)

December 12, 2007

7:30 – 9:30 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  
Maria Wasowski  
Teri Webster

#### Excused Absences:

Sylvia Sibrover

#### Other:

Lauren Huneke, Potomac Greens HOA  
Duane Hale, Potomac Greens HOA

#### City Staff:

Jeff Farner, P&Z  
Raka Choudhury, P&Z  
Matthew North, P&Z  
Aimee Vosper, RP&CA  
Monk Askew, Consultant, MONK LLC

#### Applicant Representatives:

Nathan Imm, EDAW  
Raffael Scasserra, Gensler  
Stephen Collins, PYD  
Kevin Hall, PYD  
Jon Lindgren, PYD  
Cathy Puskar, WCLEW  
Megan Shilling, WCLEW

### AGENDA ITEMS

- Landbay G Concept Presentation
  - a. Update
  - b. Architectural Language
- Pedestrian Bridge across Rail Tracks
- Approval of PYDAC Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2007

### CALL TO ORDER

Bill Hendrickson opened the meeting discussed the meeting agenda.

### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Raffael Scasserra from Gensler presented an update to the Landbay G plan, which was followed by a brief discussion. Following that, Nathan Imm from EDAW presented the Pedestrian Bridge across the Rail Tracks.

### DISCUSSION

#### Landbay G:

1. Members emphasized again the importance and opportunity for LEED Certification or comparable recognition for green buildings and neighborhood development in Landbay G.

### Pedestrian Bridge over Rail Tracks:

The applicant presented some basic information about the location, dimensions, height from the railway tracks and character of the pedestrian bridge. Staff and the applicant reiterated to the Committee that the mesh covering the entire length and span of the bridge was an absolute and non-negotiable requirement by CSX for security purposes.

2. Members wanted additional information about the height off the ground and location in relation to the townhouses on the Potomac Greens side of the bridge.
3. In response to members asking staff to explore the idea of an elevator, it was clarified that the idea had been looked into, but safety and maintenance issues were the main reasons that an elevator was not possible.
4. Some members were concerned that the mesh covering the bridge would impact the aesthetics of the bridge.
5. While some members voiced their concerns about the aesthetics of the bridge and the integration into Landbay K, other members were amenable to the idea of an industrial bridge that tied into the rail yard history of the site, but wanted to see additional design resolution for the ramps.
6. In response to members asking about the construction schedule, it was clarified that the pedestrian bridge would be constructed before the Town Center.
7. On a motion made by Sandy Modell and seconded by Maria Wasowski, it was approved 8-0 that *"PYDAC supports the bridge location and conceptual design and integration into Landbay K and Potomac Greens"*.
8. On a motion made by Sandy Modell and seconded by Stephen Koenig, it was approved 6-2 abstain, that *"PYDAC supports the City's requirement that the bridge will accommodate the capability to access Landbay D"*.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Sandy Modell and seconded by Catherine Moore, the Committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes with amendments from the November 14, 2007 meeting. Approved 8-0.