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Memo

To: DC Zoning Commission
From: Megan Mitchell
Date: 6/30/2009
Re: 625 Rhode Island Avenue - Proposed Materials Selection

One of the unique qualities of the proposed design is the large portion of the site, more than one third, devoted to open green space. The neutral palette of materials selected for the building will provide a classic yet timely background to the lush landscaping proposed for the site.

The materials selected for the building are as follows:

- Smooth face architectural masonry units

Smooth face architectural masonry units will provide an attractive solid base for the building. The lighter colored blocks have a desirable finished stone-like look as well as being durable, long-lasting, maintenance free and manufactured locally. The image below, illustrating the successful use of white architectural units, is an urban townhouse project located in Baltimore, MD. Design by Suzane Reatig Architecture.



- Corrugated metal siding

The scale and horizontal nature of corrugated metal is reminiscent of the wooden clapboard siding on the neighboring buildings yet timeless in its appearance. It is durable, fire resistant, recyclable and requires minimal maintenance. It is also manufactured locally. The left image below, illustrating the successful use of corrugated metal siding, is an urban residential building located at 626 S Street, NW. Refer to photos #10 and #11 on page C.3 of the PUD Application book. Design on left by Suzane Reatig Architecture. The image on the right illustrates the successful use of painted corrugated metal siding.



- Metal railings and trellises

The inclusion of open railings and trellises adds a residential texture and encourages connection and unobstructed views to the surrounding natural landscape. The left image below, illustrating the successful use of stainless steel railing, is an urban residential building located at 1713 7th Street, NW. Refer to photos #13, 15, 16 and #17 on page C.3 of the PUD Application book. Design on left by Suzane Reatig Architecture. The right image illustrates a successful contemporary trellis structure - similar to what we are proposing for above the balconies on the 4th floor.



- Colorful entry canopies

The brightly colored canopies add a touch of playfulness to the serene palette of materials and also serve to clearly mark the entries. The image below is intended to illustrate possible color and finish intent only.



- Aluminum storefront window systems

The storefront systems allow for large expanses of glass with minimal interruption. Providing a strong connection to the surrounding urban and natural landscape is a primary objective of the overall design. Design by Suzane Reatig Architecture

