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March 1, 1996

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Mary Quattro, Permits Section

Division of Development Services and Regulation

Department of Environmental Protection

FROM:

Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator

Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division

M-NCPPC

SUBJECT:

Permit application for 10801 Rockville Pike

We would like to request that DEP accept the building permit application for the proposed work at Strathmore Hall while the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is in the process of reviewing the work.

On February 28th, the HPC held a preliminary consultation with the applicant on this project, and the Historic Area Work Permit will be reviewed on March 13th, 1996. The HPC was pleased with the direction of the project, and they are confident that the actually HAWP will be approved at the March 13th meeting. The project was essentially completed by February 28th, although at that point, the architect was still working on the construction documents for the permit application.

In the interest of time, we would ask that you accept this permit application ahead of receiving the HPC approvals. We understand that permit reviews on a complicated project such as this will take some time at DEP, and it will serve the County well to begin this review.

Please call me or Robin Ziek at 495-4570 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this.

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### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 10801 Rockville Pike Meeting Date: 2/28/96

Resource:

Corby Estate/Strathmore Hall

Review:

**PRELIMINARY** CONSULTATION

Case Number: 30/12

Tax Credit: No

Public Notice: 2/14/96

Report Date: 2/21/96

Applicant:

Montgomery County (Mary K. Donahoe)

Staff: Robin D. Ziek

**RECOMMEND:** PROCEED TO

**HAWP** 

**PROPOSAL:** Additions and alterations

**BACKGROUND** 

The Corby Mansion had its beginnings in a house built in 1902 by Captain James Oyster. But in 1914, the Corby family purchased this property and undertook extensive renovations here and the result is the imposing Colonial Revival Mansion which now houses the Strathmore Hall Arts Center.

The Mansion is protected by a preservation easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust. The Trust has been working closely with the County and with the architectural firm, Quinn Evans Architects, which is developing the plans for the project.

This presentation to the HPC will serve to introduce the project to the Commissioners at a point where the project is already highly developed. The County will proceed with the HAWP application if the HPC so directs.

### PROJECT PROPOSAL

This work is being undertaken as part of the development of the Strathmore Hall Arts Center into a first-rate gallery and arts space. The programs at Strathmore Hall are increasingly wide-ranging and popular. The present staffing space is inadequate and the gallery space still exhibits the eclecticism of the Decorator Showcase work which was done in the 70's. In addition, the HVAC and fire-safety features need to be updated.

The terms of the exterior easement permit construction at only two locations on the house: at the west side for a stairway, and at the east rear side. The present proposal would stay within the limitations of the easement, and are designed to be compatible with the existing architecture.

On the west side, a stairway would be inserted between the music room and the sunporch. At the east side, a large addition would be built between the existing kitchen wing and the south edge of the building, essentially filling in this corner.

All of the materials would match existing, and the massing is designed to complement and support the original design.



### STAFF DISCUSSION

This project is proposed to meet the changing function of Strathmore Hall from a single family residence to a public arts facility. Design demands include increased patronage of the site with resulting wear and tear, requirements of ADA, accommodation of the artwork and viewers through upgraded HVAC, bathroom facilities for exterior performances, as well as expanded space for a sales shop and for offices.

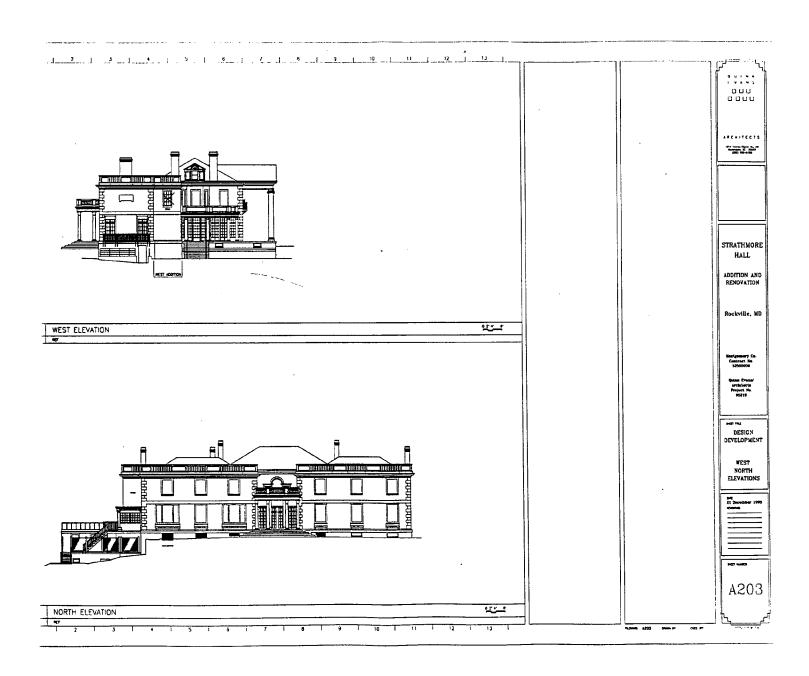
Staff feels that the project has been sensitively designed, and that the original structure has been respected. Specific features include:

- the proposal to provide handicapped accessibility from the Mansion to the South Lawn where events are often held. The actual ADA house access is provided at the basement level on the west side through a combination of ramp and elevator. In the past, the South portico was inaccessible due to a level change.
- design of south shop wall with a blind window scheme to parallel the design of the sunporch. Originally, there was an open porch at the southeast corner of the building, but this was filled in many years ago. This proposal will effectively open up this corner again, while still providing the necessary wall space inside the sales shop.
- design of stair towers on both the east and west sides which follow the original architecture in design and material.
- proposal to upgrade front steps by filling over the existing steps, but matching the existing materials. This aspect of the project would allow Strathmore Hall to minimize costs, without altering the character or feel of the entry.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission allow this project to proceed to a HAWP.

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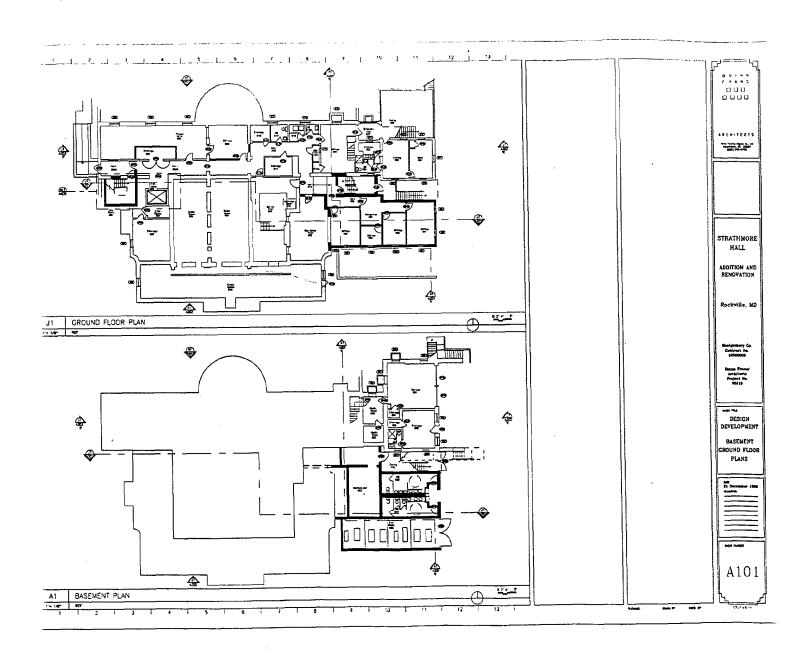


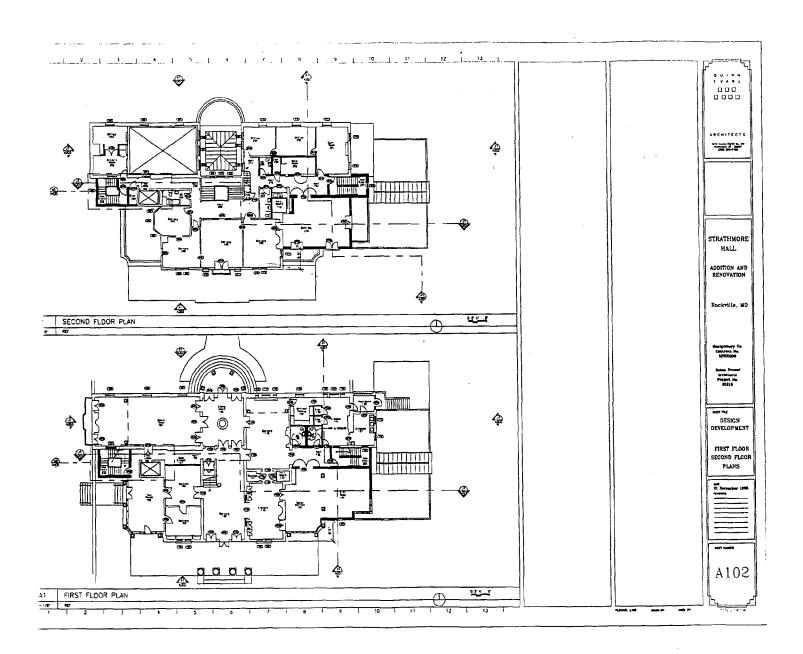


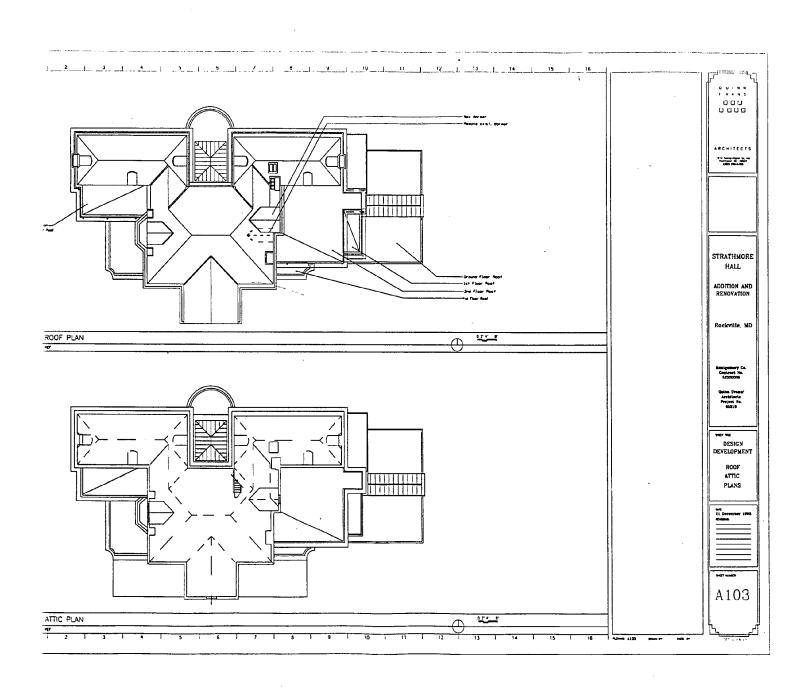
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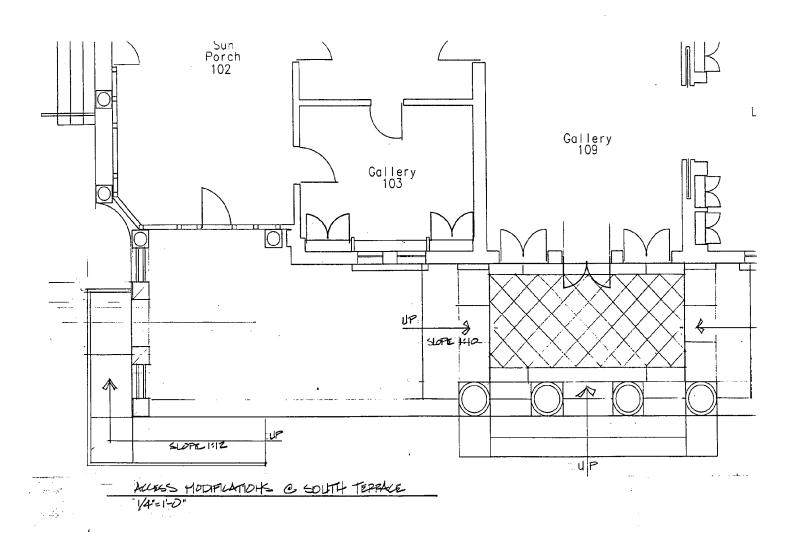






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Parris N. Glendening, Governor Patricla J. Payne, Secretary

February 28, 1996

Office of Preservation Services

Jeffrey C. Luker Quinn Evans Architects 1214 Twenty-Eighth Street NW Washington, DC 20007

> Re: Strathmore Hall 1994 Bond Bill Rehabilitation Plans

Dear Mr. Luke:

It has been a pleasure working with you over the past few months on the alterations for Strathmore Hall. The Maryland Historical Trust has reviewed drawings of the proposed renovations, the most recent of which are dated December 21, 1995. Based on the those drawings and subsequent conversations with you, the Trust is in agreement with the basic design of the project. However, I do have some concern about the following proposals:

- 1. The brick quoins on the new additions. These quoins should clearly differentiate the new construction from the old. I suggest that the new quoins be made from the same red brick as the new walls.
- 2. The Trust would not like to see wholesale glass replacement on the interior doors unless it was absolutely necessary. I strongly suggest that you ask for a waiver on this issue.
- 3. Storm windows. The Trust will need to review a proposal for any storm windows or sash replacement. Once you have decided on a course of action for the windows please submit that to the Trust.
- 3. I have no real objection to the handicapped access to the rear of the building. We will need more information such as the design of the railings, points of attachment and the loss of any historic material on the porch deck.
- 4. We also talked briefly about the proposed alterations to the front steps. Until I receive information on how the historic materials and appearance will be affected I am not able to comment on this proposal. Please submit those plans.



Division of Historical and Cultural Programs
100 Community Place • Crownsville, Maryland 21032 • (410) 514

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) pledges to foster the letter and spirit of the law for achieving equal housing opportunity in Maryland.

I look forward to hearing from you on the above items. Please submit the construction documents for review and approval as soon as you are ready. Please keep me informed of any changes or alterations to those plans. If you need additional assistance please call me at (410) 514-7634.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Brand Administrator

Financial Assistance and Easements

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Ms. Mary K. Donahoe

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Ms. Mary Gardner

Ms. Robin Zick

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### DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive

Jack Houghton
Acting Director

February 21, 1996

Ms. Robin D. Ziek
Historic Preservation Planner
Design, Zoning & Preservation
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

Re: Strathmore Hall

Dear Ms. Ziek:

This letter is clarification of the submission prepared for the preliminary consultation before the Historic Preservation Commission at their February 28, 1996 meeting.

As the design has progressed since our submittal, the following elements have changed or been further developed:

- 1. Wood panels similar to those seen on the east elevation at the gift shop are to be used on the south elevation at the sales gallery. This allows for additional display space in the sales gallery, and reduces HVAC loads.
- 2. The dormer shown relocated on the east elevation shall not be relocated. It will remain as it is on the existing structure.
- 3. Stair refurbishment shall occur at the north elevation (the main entrance.) The method proposed is replacement of the top landing, and cladding of the remaining treads and risers. This requires the extension of the lowest tread to accommodate the additional material.
- 4. Exterior storm windows are to be added on all existing windows. New windows shall be similar to Pella architectural series with integral muntins and shadow bars. This allows us to control the temperature and humidity levels at the interior as required for art gallery use.

I ask that the Historic Preservation Commission permit us to work with you in making final decisions on the items listed below. Most of these items reflect responses to code issues, which will examined further during County permit review:

1. The window shown on the south elevation of the west stairwell addition may be too close to existing openings. If it can be located as shown, we intend to eliminate the redundant window shown on the west elevation of that stairwell addition.

Letter to Robin Ziek, Historic Preservation Commission February 21, 1996 page 2

- 2. We have asked for a code exception for door swings at the north and south entrances. If approved, the doors would remain as they now are, swinging into the space, rather than as they are shown on the plans submitted to you.
- 3. The level of the south portico may need to be raised, and a ramp added from that portico to the lawn area, for ADA and code compliance purposes. This work is shown on the separate drawing submitted to you on February 20.
- 4. The roof over the exterior east stair may change configuration.

Thank you for meeting with me and Jeff Luker on February 20. I look forward to seeing you at the February 28 meeting. If you have any questions before then, please call me at 217-6124.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Donahoe, AIA, Architect Capital Projects Management Division

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Department of Facilities and Services

Jeff Luker, Quinn Evans Architects

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### DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive

Jack Houghton
Acting Director

February 13, 1996

Montgomery County Planning Board
Maryland National Capital
Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
ATTN: Mr. Gene Brooks, Planning Supervisor

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Subject: Strathmore Hall Addition and Renovation

I submitted for your review under mandatory referral plans for Strathmore Hall Addition and Renovation, as prepared by the project architect, Quinn Evans Architects, on December 26, 1995. This is a request to postpone mandatory referral hearing until after the February 28, 1996 hearing by the Historic Preservation Commission on this same project.

A hearing as soon after this hearing as possible, but no more than 60 days from that hearing date, would be appreciated. After discussion with your staff, I believed that mandatory referral could occur before this hearing; it would be unfortunate should this misunderstanding negatively impact our schedule. We will be submitting for construction permits on March 4, 1996 and have targeted permits receipt for mid-May, 1996.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Donahoe, AIA

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Architect

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Mr. Swam Ayya, Design, Zoning & Preservation, M-NCPPC

Mr. Jeff Luker, Quinn Evans Architects

Ms. Gwen L. Marcus, Design, Zoning & Preservation, M-NCPPC

Mr. Pfanstiehl, Strathmore Hall Foundation

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### DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive

Jack Houghton Acting Director

February 6, 1996

Ms. Gwen Marcus Historic Preservation Coordinator Design, Zoning & Preservation The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

Re: Strathmore Hall

Dear Ms. Marcus:

I am submitting the above mentioned project for your preliminary consultation, and for review by the Historic Preservation Commission at their February 28, 1996 meeting. Copies of the drawings and correspondence with Richard Brand, Maryland Historical Trust, are being submitted under separate cover directly from the project architects, Quinn Evans Architects.

The purpose of this project is the alteration and renovation of the interior of this facility to provide high-quality art gallery space, and construction of an addition housing offices, expanded gift shop and sales gallery, and fire stairs.

A perpetual preservation easement, a "Deed of Easement and Conditional Security Agreement" is in effect for the exterior of the facility with the Maryland Historical Trust. A second easement which controls changes that can occur in the interior of the facility is under development. The improvements as designed for this project must comply with these easements.

It is my understanding that after the Historic Preservation Commission's review I will be able to schedule Mandatory Referral review. I will contact Gene Brooks, Planning Coordinator, to arrange that scheduling. We will also submit construction documents to you to obtain a Historic Area Work Permit prior to construction.

Please contact me at 217-6124 if you would like to discuss our submittal in person prior to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

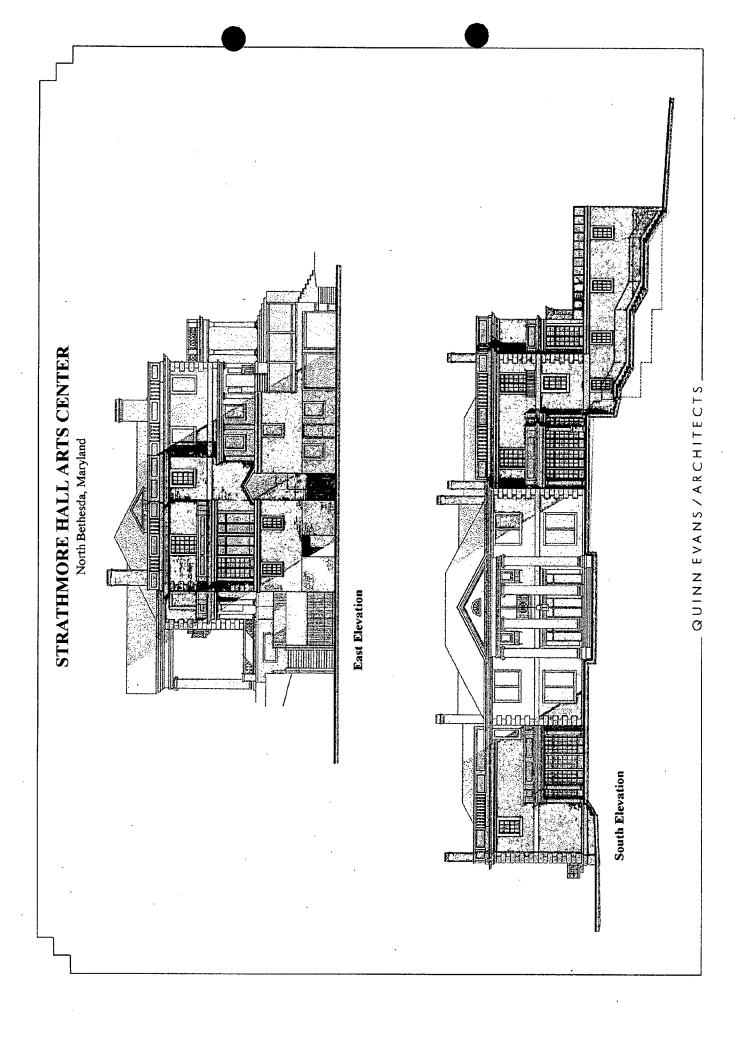
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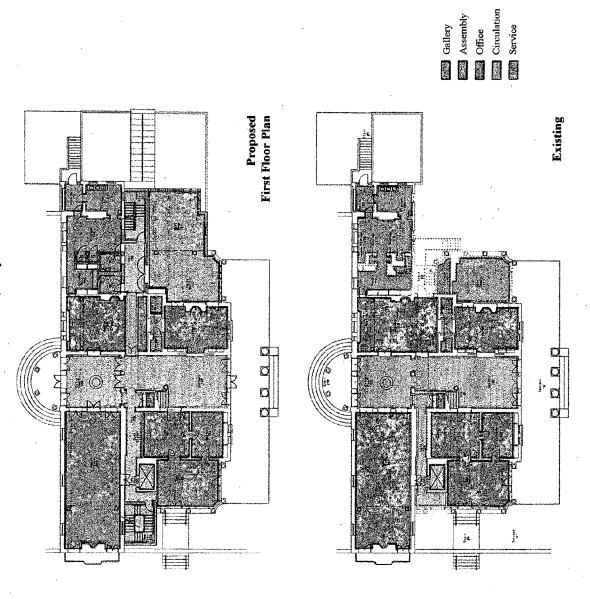
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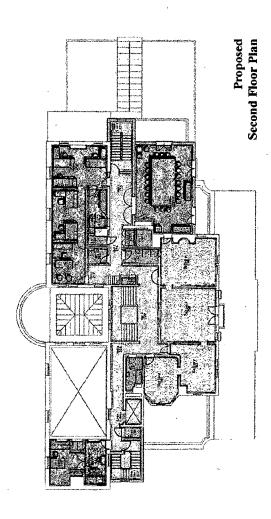
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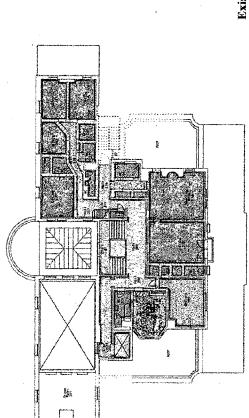


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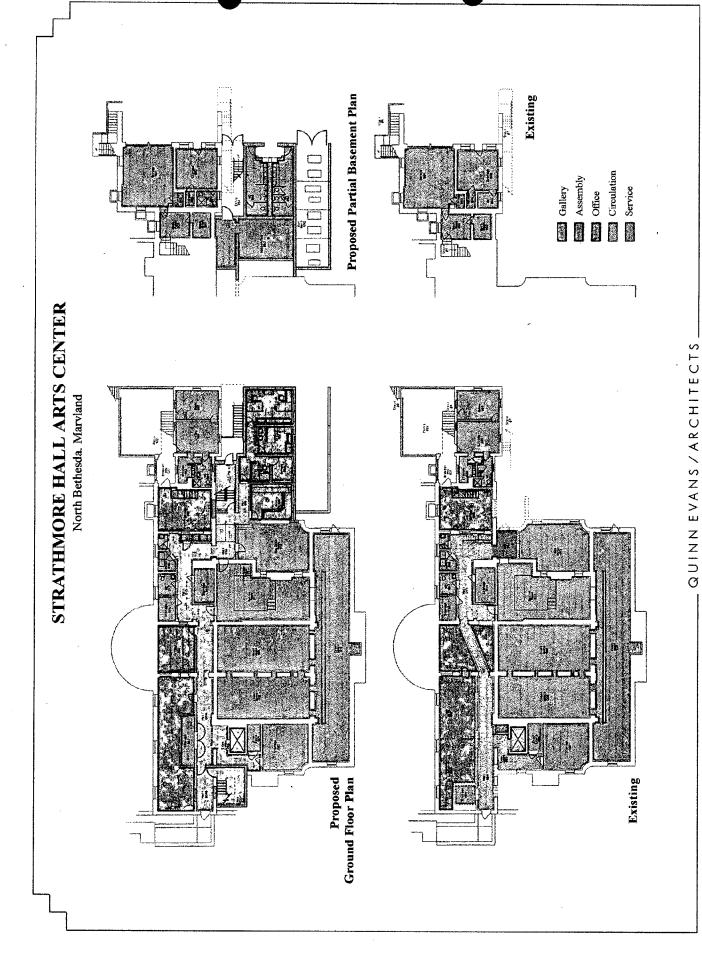


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25 October 1995

**MEETING NOTES** 

From:

Jeff Luker

To:

Mary K Donahoe	COUNTY	Mike Quinn	QE/A
Eliot Pfanstiehl	STRATHMORE	Jeff Luker	QE/A
Alan Mowbray	STRATHMORE	Marcie Murphey	QE/A
Mario Loiederman	STRATHMORE	95219 Corr	QE/A
Mel Garfink	STRATHMORE		

RE:

STRATHMORE HALL RENOVATION

Rockville, Maryland

Richard Brand

95219

Present:

Eliot Pfanstiehl

STRATHMORE

MD HIST TRUST

Jeff Luker

QE/A

Richard Brand

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(TRUST)

Subject:

Meeting: October 18, 1995

Schematic Design: Preliminary Review

The following notes present QUINN EVANS/ARCHITECTS' interpretation of discussions held during the above referenced meeting. We request that all parties present review these notes and notify us in writing of any discrepancies, or disagreements within seven working days.

- 1. The Maryland Historic Trust (Trust) noted that that their legal department is currently preparing final documentation for the proposed Interior Easement. When complete this documentation will need approval from the Trust and Strathmore. The Trust presented a draft copy of the proposed language, and a preliminary plan diagram illustrating the proposed boundaries.
- 2. The Trust summarized that the interior preservation requirements would be as follows:
  - They prefer retention of historically significant wall locations, window and door locations.
  - They prefer retention of all significant historic finishes, hardware, and fixtures.
  - They are not concerned with interior furnishings, and noted that removable window inserts would be considered interior furnishings.

They are not concerned with work outside of the proposed easement.

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- 3. The Trust summarized their concerns relative to new additions as follows
  - They prefer that the new designs are compatible with the historic building.
  - They prefer that the addition detailing avoids pure mimicry. The objective is to enable visitors to "read" the building's physical evolution. New additions should be distinct from the historic structure(s). Recent interpretations have allowed more "design" in new additions, and distinctions between new and historic may be subtle.
- 4. QE/A presented and gave a copy of the Project Schedule to the Trust.
- 5. QE/A noted that they have been working with interior easement boundaries similar to that proposed by the Trust, and provided diagrams illustrating their understanding of the boundaries. A copy of these plans is attached.
- 6. QE/A presented preliminary schematic design plans for the Addition and Renovation Project and reviewed anticipated work on a room by room basis. The Trust was generally open to the proposed plans, but recommended modifications as follows:

### Second Floor Galleries

- The Trust accepted the need to remove the closets and bathroom in the second floor gallery
  areas, but preferred that existing wall locations and doors be maintained as much as
  feasible.
- The Trust agreed with the observation that moldings in the center of the ceilings was installed to accommodate installation of the sprinkler system and are not historic.
- The Trust noted that the existing comice mold is historic, and that they preferred that it be retained in its current location.
- The Trust noted that removal and reinstallation of the plaster walls in their current locations would be considered if necessary.

### Second Floor Halls

- All existing doors should be maintained in their current locations. Revising the swing direction would be acceptable.
- They prefer that the wall at the end of the north-east corridor and the existing door with transom should be retained in its current location.

### First Floor

- The Trust noted that the proposed location for entrance to the East Addition is acceptable.
- The Trust noted that removal of the plywood panel finishes in the existing gift shop would be acceptable.
- The Trust noted that relocation of the back wall necessary to improve ADA access, patron coat storage, and improved service circulation would be acceptable. The agreed with QE/A's observation that this wall was relocated in the 1980's when the Elevator was inserted within the building. However, they noted that relocation of this wall impacts the adjacent

gallery space, and that they will be looking for appropriate trim and finish modifications in this room.

- The Trust noted that while initially hesitant, they would consider allowing proposed new wall opening just below the main stair at a later date. QE/A noted that the opening would contribute significantly to the building operation by providing for better service circulation. The current path is resulting in damage to the marble floor in the building's foyer, the proposed opening would keep catering carts off the marble.
- The Trust objected to QE/A's recommendation that the circa 1940's wall that subdivides the West Gallery be removed. Strathmore and QE/A agreed to keep the wall in as it stands today.
- The Trust noted no objection to QE/A's proposal to sheathe the exposed brick walls on the elevator with new finishes better suited to hanging artwork.
- 7. QE/A noted that they have evaluated the written easement governing the location of the new west and east additions. They presented copies of plans and elevations illustrating their interpretation of the maximum build-able envelope allowed by the easement. QE/A noted that the Concept Plans recently developed have not made use of second floor area that could serve as a revenue producing conference room.
- 8. The Trust noted that they agree with QE/A's interpretation of the additions' boundaries defined by the easement.
- 9. QE/A, Strathmore, and the Trust toured the site, and review the proposed massing for both the West and East additions.
- 10. The Trust accepted the proposed footprint and massing for the West Addition.
- 11. The Trust noted that the West addition will impact one window located at the west end of the Music room, and acknowledged that the limestone plant box below the window will have to be removed. They requested that efforts be made to preserve the window complete by installing fire proof panels at the window's exterior. QE/A agreed to research the possibility.
- 12. The Trust concurred with QE/A's recommendation that the balustrade currently located above the Elevator be extended above the West Addition.
- 13. The Trust observed and commented upon the proposed footprint and massing for the East addition.
- 14. The Trust questioned what would be lost if the stair tower integral to the proposed East Addition were moved west so that it would stand completely behind the existing east wing. QE/A noted that function at the first floor and second floors would be negatively impacted. The ability to provide needed ADA acceptable toilet facilities, Kitchen service circulation, and a new Gift Shop entry would be restricted. Further, public access to the conference room as currently located would be eliminated.

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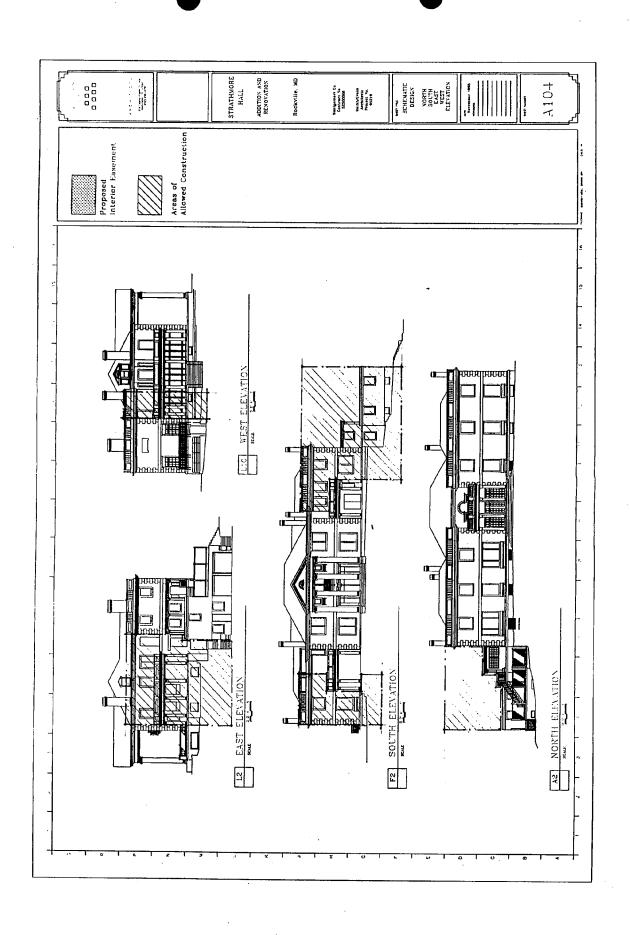
15. The Trust noted some difficulty in comprehending the proposed massing. QE/A noted that more complete drawings would be forthcoming with the Schematic Design, QE/A noted that they are working toward a delivery of a complete Schematic Design Submission, and that the Trust will receive a copy of this submission on or near 9 November 1995.

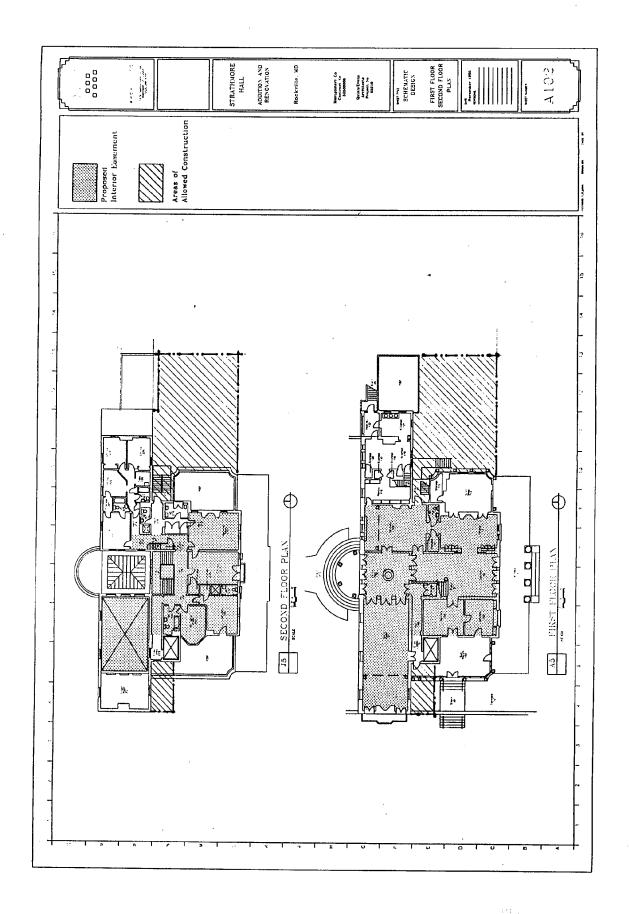
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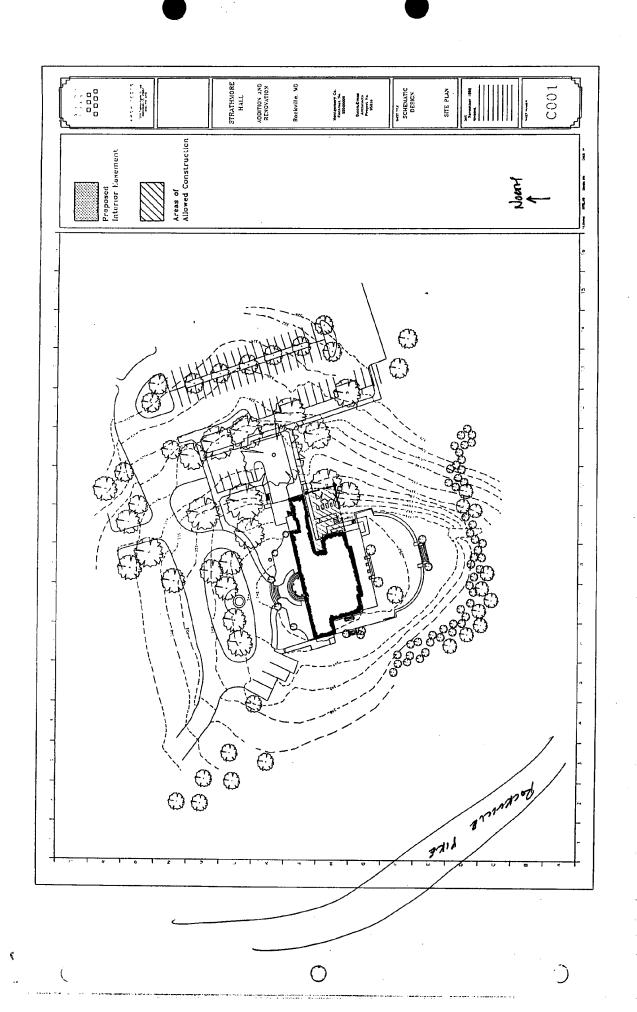
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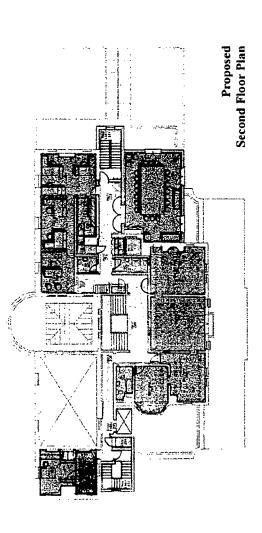


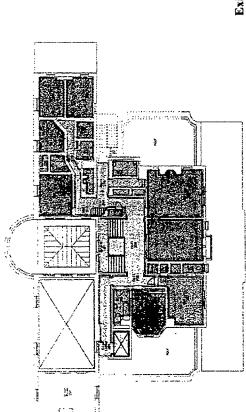
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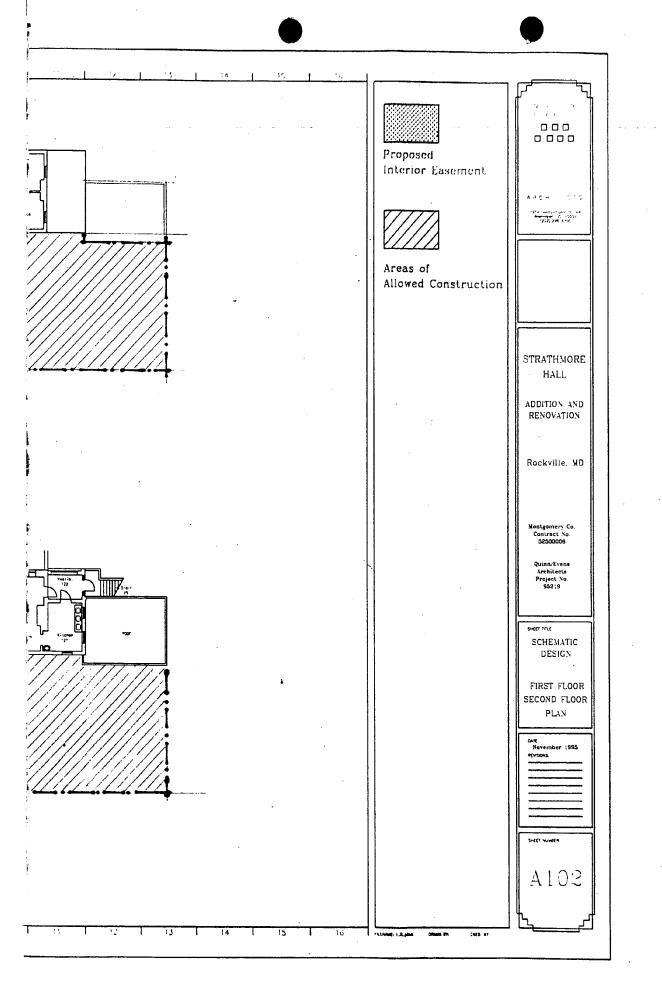
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Mary K. Donahoe

MONT. COUNTY

Subject:

Meeting: November 30, 1995

Schematic Design Review

The following notes present QUINN EVANS/ARCHITECTS' interpretation of discussions held during the above referenced meeting. We request that all parties present review these notes and notify us in writing of any discrepancies, or disagreements within seven working days.

- 1. QE/A noted that in preparation for today's meeting, they had delivered Schematic Design drawings to the Maryland Historic Trust (Trust) on Friday 24 Nov. 1995.
- 2. QEA opened the meeting by presenting the design as currently envisioned to the Trust. This included discussion of the proposed sitework, interior work, and the size and volume of the proposed East and West additions.
- 3. The Trust noted that they appreciated the design adjustments made in response to our last meeting. These included:
  - maintenance of the wall separating galleries 103 and 104
  - maintenance of the second floor hall 217 intact

- retention of existing openings and wall locations in the second floor galleries to the fullest extent possible
- 4. The Trust reiterated that while they are open to relocation of the wall between the coat closet Hall-157 and Gallery-104, the are looking for QE/A to confirm that the proposed relocation results in an acceptable modification of the paneled wall design in Gallery-104.
- 5. QE/A noted that code requires out-swinging doors from the building, and all rooms with a capacity of fifty or more persons (350 SF). In order to reduce the impact that this requirement will have upon historic doors, QE/A intends to submit a request for exception. This request will be submitted to the County Fire Marshall and Plan Review Departments during the CD phase of the project.
- 6. QE/A reiterated that the door opening from the elevator and coat closet hall is important to the function of the proposed design, and requested that the Trust reconsider their reluctance to allowing the change.
- 7. The Trust noted that they will allow the opening provided that the proposed opening works well within the existing paneled wall at the base of the stair, within the central Gallery-109.
- 8. QEA noted that Trust approval of the proposed footprint and volume of the proposed additions is very important at this stage of the project.
- 9. The Trust questioned what would be lost if the stair tower integral to the proposed East Addition were moved west so that it would stand completely behind the existing east wing. QE/A noted that function at all levels would be negatively impacted as follows:
  - At the Ground Level it would be difficult to provide proper egress from the office wing.
  - At the First Floor, it would be difficult to provide needed ADA acceptable toilet facilities,
     Kitchen service circulation would be compromised, and the new Gift Shop entry would be restricted.
  - At the Second Floor, public access to the conference room as currently located would be eliminated.
- 10. The Trust questioned whether it would be possible to set the stair tower roof lower then the adjacent building volumes, the existing northeast wing, and the new southeast wing. QE/A responded that setting the stair lower would likely make the roofing conditions complex, and that they felt that by its proposed location, the stair tower volume will be appropriately subservient to the existing building.
- 11. The Trust approved the proposed footprint and Volume for both the East and West Additions.
- 12. QE/A noted that they are working toward a delivery of a Design Development submission, and that the Trust will receive a copy of this submission once the County and Strathmore has approved the submission in early January 1996.

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13. The Trust noted that that their legal department has nearly completed final documentation for the proposed Interior Easement. When complete this documentation will need approval from the Trust and Strathmore.

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Future changes in the regulations isions. As of now, there are no defined may include specific requirements on the allocation of MPDUs within subdivguidelines regarding concentration within developments.

pleased with the King Farm project Rory Coakley of Coakley Realty are and its commitment to affordable Development proponents such as housing.

"Developers should be given leeway," said Coakley, referring to the many demands and issues developers face.

Coakley contends many of the tenants and owners living in affordable housing are middle-class working professionals, such as teachers and policemen.

reason to disperse MPDUs within in a He argues, therefore, that there is no community.

Coakley, president of the Rockville the disclosure of the affordable units is MPDUs' proximity to other houses important to potential home buyers, Chamber of Commerce, said although should not affect resale value.

## Integrating less affluent

tial to providing affordable housing in affluent families into middle-class estate markets and help integrate less-Housing advocates argue the county and city's MPDU programs are essenone of the nation's most expensive real

"In the long term, the more integrated approach [to affordable housing], the better," said Harry Lerch, an attorney at erch, Earley & Brewer and a longtime affordable housing proponent.

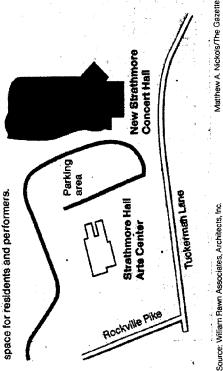
Coakley said integrating cheaper units into developments does not always work because they are often smaller than standard homes or simply a cluster of town houses within a a subdivision of single family houses.

"MPDUs in some areas of King Farm would stick out," he said.

## **New Strathmore Concert Hall**

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160,000-square-toot concert hall would seat 2,000, and the education center Hall Arts Center were unveiled at a news conference Tuesday. The proposed could accommodate up to 200 students and provide class and rehearsal Plans for the proposed concert hall and education center at Strathmore



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\$21M rise in cost of [5] 49 9 by Scott Harris

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ready approved large increases in costs for the Silver Spring redevelopment project and school construc-"We can't keep chasing moving Duncan and the council have alcouncil and County Executive Doutargets on big projects," he said. glas M. Duncan on Tuesday.

Damestown. "This is going to be a \$100 million project." Meanwhile, Ćov. Parris N. Glen-[beyond this]," Duncan said. change," said Nancy Dacek

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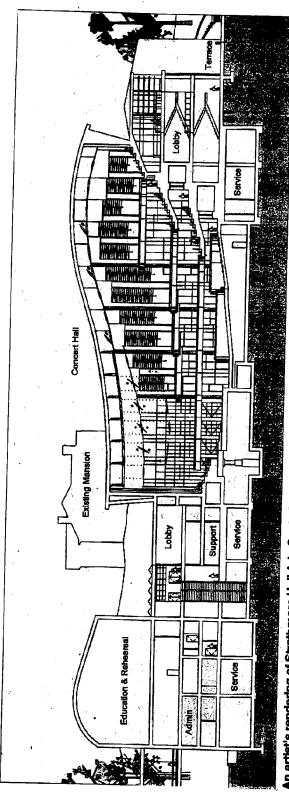
Funding for the project is to be

provided by the county and state, but the new cost has lawmakers taking a wait-and-see approach. Council President Michael L.

A projected 30 percent increase in the cost of the proposed concert hall at Strathmore Hall Arts Center has local and state lawmakers question-

complained about the increase durunveiled at a news conference Tuesday, but the higher cost estimate was the 1996 proposed budget of \$68 million. A new completion date is mate is nearly \$89 million, up from six months later than previously topic of much discussion throughout the day. The current estiset for the winter of 2003-2004, about

"I don't consider this pocket said Councilwoman bacek (R-Dist. 2) of "I understand, and what I said is we can't come back for any more



An artist's rendering of Strathmore Hall Arts Center's proposed concert hall, which was unvelled Tuesday with a price tag of nearly \$89 million.

dening said Tuesday he was not precosts could-jeopardize further state pared to say whether the added funding for the Strathmore project.

"At this point, I just can't comment, because I haven't seen the report," Glendening told reporters in Annapolis.

Glendening is scheduled to meet with Duncan on Thursday to dis-Assembly session, and Strathmore is cuss Montgomery County's funding priorities for the upcoming General certain to come up.

Chuck Lyons, president of the concert hall and education cen-Strathmore Hall Foundation, said ter would be a triumph, regardless of cost, for people in Montgomery

"This is closer to a moment of democracy than a moment of elitism," said Lyons, who is also president and publisher of The Gazette. County

Fred Edwards, chief of the county's Division of Facilities and Services, said the cost increase is due in

part to the sloping land on which the county would build the center. "It is a drastic elevation change, he said.

Edwards said another reason for the increase is that the architecture plex and elegant. Plus, Edwards said, more sophisticated heating of the concert hall would be comand air conditioning systems would have to be inaudible.

"We can't have [noise] in a performing arts center," he said.

needs of a concert hall in which orchestras would play without artificial amplification. Edwards said that even the building's facade "dwarf" the existing Strathmore er to accommodate the acoustical must be designed so as not to The hall would have to be larg Hall.

Strathmore is at Rockville Pike and Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda, near the Grosvenor Metro

ect would bolster both the county The proposed 160,000-square-foot

Lyons maintained that the proj-

something."

and its arts culture. concert hall would seat 2,000, and the education center could accommodate up to 200 students and provide class

to create a signature for Mont-gomery County," Lyons said, citing "We think this is an opportunity music, civility and good things for the soul" as reasons to host the arts

> and rehearsal space for residents and performers. Part of the proposal includes having the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra perform at the hall ap-Some local residents have criti-

in Montgomery County. Eliot Pfanstiehl, executive director of Strathmore Hall, said organizations such as the Baltimore Sym-Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts would work in conjunction phony Orchestra, the Washington Performing Arts Society and Wolf with Strathmore Hall to hold events throughout the year.

focus to financing.

Duncan did warn that inflation

over the next four years, but said his

could cause costs to jump somewhat figures tried to take that into ac"There should not be any more

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surprises," Duncan said.

The project will be part of the in January. He called it a "once in a capital budget Duncan will propose many-lifetime opportunity to do

cized the plan for its potential imday's announcement has shifted the pact on traffic congestion. But Tues-

proximately 30 times a year.

Local organizations such as the Montgomery County Masterworks Chorus and youth orchestras would have a home at the proposed center, Pfanstiehl said.

hoe said construction could begin in Project architect Mary Kay DonaStaff Writers Josh Kurtz and Steven T. Dennis contributed to this report.