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Historic complex selects planner

The firm that produced the master plan for the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus has been hired to develop one for the Richardson Olmsted Complex.

Chan Krieger Sieniewicz, based in Cambridge, Mass., has combined its background in planning, urban design and architecture to forge a number of major master plans, including campuses for the Rhode Island School of Design and Harvard Medical School.

“We are making steady and determined progress on the planning and stabilization,” Eva Hassett, a member of the Richardson Center Corp. board, said Wednesday at a board meeting held in the auditorium of the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society Museum. “The upcoming year will be an exciting time defining the future of the complex.”

Chan Krieger Sieniewicz will assess the Richardson Olmsted site and adjacent neighborhoods, then create a plan for long-term development of the historic buildings and grounds.

A \$2 million stabilization project begun last winter by the State Dormitory Authority is expected to be completed this spring. The work, guided by architects Goody Clancy and engineers Simpson Gumpertz and Heger, aims to prevent further deterioration and vandalism.

The master planning team, also announced at Wednesday’s meeting, will consist of Alex Krieger and David Gamble of Chan Krieger Sieniewicz; Robert Shibley of the University at Buffalo Urban Design Project, who will focus on community outreach; Mark Tytko and Nick Raczyk of Parsons Brinckerhoff, responsible for the generic environmental impact statement and permitting; and Gary Papke of Clarion Associates, who will contribute economic modeling. Others are Bill Weyland of City Properties, real estate development; Douglas Reed and John Kett of Reed Hilderbrand Associates, landscape architecture; John Bero and Virginia Searl of Bero Architecture, historic preservation; and Joe Dommer of Baer & Associates, cost estimating.