Cancer Family Care Charrette

The Retreat of Cancer Family Care

Design Highlights

Site:
- Re-route vehicular traffic to enter only at Auburn Ave. and exit only at Macauley.
- Re-orient parking spaces to face downhill
- Remove carriage house (optional)
- Second story mezzanine accessed from higher elevation connecting existing building level to main retreat level

Plan:
- Careful consideration of public, semi-private, and private spaces
- Sliding doors used to separate public space from semi-public space
- Swinging and latching doors to separate public from private space
- Garden is accessible only from interior via major adjacent public spaces
- Use of architectural elements such as fireplaces, fish tanks, planters, and glass partitions to subdivide major volumes
- Kid zone placed away from entry but still adjacent to public space and contains “kid kitchen”

Elevation:
- Representing interior hearth on exterior south façade
- Windows and roof design capitalize on south light

Materials:
- Use of stone on exterior and as interior flooring relates to the double-sided stone hearth
- Wood sliding on exterior, wood stairs, and wood window trim soften environment and reinforce the natural retreat theme
- Use of human scale and natural materials throughout
- Soft, wool rugs in large gathering area to subdivide space in conjunction with furniture
- Small rooms use a vibrant color scheme pairing a darker shade with a lighter shade of the same color to denote private space
- Large spaces and kids' room use multiple colors to denote public space