

MINUTES DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

January 12, 2021 Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: Mildred Hailey Phase One Development, Jamaica Plain

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Mimi Garza Love, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: The team, represented by TCB, Stantec Architects, PCA Architects, and Ground Landscape Architects, gave a brief introduction to the present Commissioners, to whom this project was new. At the initial project presentation in December 2020, Commissioners asked about the orientation of courtyards and community gardens, about the project in surrounding context, and about how the building can knit this area of the neighborhood together. Buildings 1A and 1B have different building face orientations so that the project does not create a wall along Southwest Corridor Park, and to create courtyards along both the park and Columbus Avenue. Public circulation between these buildings runs along the new community center. Commissioners raised questions about parking condition and public realm experience on Lamartine and offered that the color and texture of the project should relate to Jamaica Plain, which in this context uses a lot of brick. Elevation studies would be useful to demonstrate courtyard access and facade treatments.