

MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

September 27, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: 1170-1190 Soldiers Field Road, Allston

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner

Linda Eastley, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The proponents presented an overview of the architecture for each building in the project, as well as responses to Commissioner comments about the landscape and site design at the last meeting. On the architecture, the Commissioners asked clarifying questions about the experience of the buildings around the site, especially the loading dock on Driveway B and the view of the buildings along Soldiers Field Road; and they asked if the massing of the residential building could be simplified and use a material palette that more closely matches the life sciences buildings.

The project will return to the full Commission.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: 119 Braintree Street, Allston

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner

Linda Eastley, Commissioner David Manfredi

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, focusing on the mechanical systems, façade, and street-level design of the life science portion of the project. The Commissioners responded positively to the changes, especially to the study of the mechanical system screening and development of the public realm design. Clarifying comments and questions were made about the proportion and patterning of the façade treatments as well as the programming of the viewing platform. The next meeting will focus on the residential portion of the project.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.