

MINUTES DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

February 18, 2020

5:00pm, Room #937A, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall

Project: **15 Necco Street**, South Boston Waterfront

Present: Commissioner Eric Höweler, Commissioner William Rawn,

DISCUSSION: City Councilor Ed Flynn and City Councilor Michelle Wu were in attendance and were invited to address the Boston Civic Design Commission ("BCDC") Commissioners. Councilor Flynn also submitted a letter for the record. Both Commissioners expressed concerns about making sure that the process of reviewing the project was open and transparent. Chris Galvao from Elkus Manfredi presented the changes to the project that have happened since it was last reviewed by the Commission. These changes include the introduction of a brick base, and intermediate transition zone and a new upper element designed to be reminiscent of factory structures. The Commissioners invited members of the public present to speak, and seven people spoke about the proposal. Public comment addressed improvements to the project and an interest in continuing the public engagement on it. The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the Commissioners and members of the public present. The Commissioners complemented the changes and noted the improved relationship to the neighborhood and urban contexts. They asked that the project return to design committee with refinements to the relationship of the volumes of the building.

6:00pm, Room #933A

Project: **Fenway Center**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Eric Höweler, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION: The proponent team presented a brief summary of the last design committee meeting and showed development from that time. Discussion focused on the relationship of the two buildings and the cut between them. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners as to how the massing of the two upper portions might be oriented along with a brief review of façade material strategies. The Project team used a digital presentation and model to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The project will return to the full Commission for a vote.