

MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

September 8, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **Allston Green, Allston**

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commission Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commission David Manfredi

DISCUSSION: Previous comments from the Commission have focused on the coloring and broad material palette used on the three buildings in the project. In response, the project team (represented by PCA Architects) changed the use of materials on Building A to better relate to Buildings B and C. The corner of Building A viewed from Cambridge Street was altered to offer a more generous green space as the entry to the site. Building C was also changed along Pratt Street with added setbacks and modulation to enhance green space and respond to the residential massing across the street. The material palette is now warmer earth tones with brick to better integrate with the neighborhood context. Concerns remain with the length and scale of Building C. The added green space will be a welcomed addition to the neighborhood, and Commissioners want to ensure it is as welcoming and open to the neighborhood as possible.

6:00pm

Project: **175 Federal Street, Downtown**

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commission Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commission David Manfredi

This project was most recently reviewed by the Commission at a Design Committee meeting on March 10, 2020. At that time, comments focused on simplifying the geometry of the addition and ensuring the proposed open space is accessible and usable. The project team (represented by NELSON) responded by simplifying the proposed glass addition and revealing part of the existing building's underbelly in the proposal. Commissioners asked the team to bring back a study and analysis of space on site and how it can be fundamentally reconfigured, as they are skeptical of the public staircase and how the glass addition meets the existing building. They would like to see a one-story study and emphasis on visibility, paths, and different distribution of leasable space.