

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

July 18, 2023

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **165 Park Drive**

Present: Commissioner William Rawn, Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner Kirk Sykes, Commissioner Jonathan Evens, Commissioner Catherine Morris, Commissioner Laura Solano and Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The project team gave a nice long presentation focused on building massing and detailing, along with the new development of the drop off area and site entry. Commissioners commented on brick color and thought it would be a better fit if it matched more with the surrounding brick buildings. Commissioners asked the team to contemplate adding more trees, such as an alley of trees at the back of the church. The canopy will help connect the building and church at the ground plane. In addition, consider paving patterns for a path to the church from the residential building. Also, a more raised planter in the center of the driveway to avoid damage from vehicles and ploughs.

There was no public comments.

The Project will continue in design committee.

5:45pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Mary Ellen McCormack**

Present: Commissioner William Rawn, Commissioner Kirk Sykes, Commissioner Jonathan Evens, Commissioner Catherine Morris, Commissioner Laura Solano and Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The project team gave an overview of building AB and C materials and ground floor use. Commissioners commented that the materials pallet is more complementary this round and could even be more simplified. Comments about the treatment of bays helped with the transparency to the public realm. Commissioners wanted to know if the top of the bay could provide additional open space by transforming into balconies. Open space was also a major topic. Commissioners asked how storm water will be managed on all the sites, and will there be rain garden incorporated. Comments about shading in the dog park, court

yards and the incorruptions green roof were brought up. Commissioners believe the site plan and open spaces can use more detail.

There was no public comments.

The Project will return to the full Committee.

6:30pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **425 Medford**

Present: Commissioner William Rawn, Commissioner Kirk Sykes, Commissioner Jonathan Evens, Commissioner Catherine Morris, Commissioner Laura Solano and Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The project team gave an overview of what has been seen in design committee thus far and focused on responding to previous questions from Commissioners about landscape programming and progression of the paseo. Commissioners suggested the project team create design guidelines to orient the project. Attention was focused on the waterfront edge.

Commissioners shared that Transparency to the water will be important, and requested more details on engagement edge. Could some zones be soft and some hard, some passive and some more active. Considerations of wayfinding should also be explored.

There was a public comment addressing a rail link site, a transit station for people to set on and off, and lastly; the creation on a motor launch to allow more water access for larger boats.

The Project will return to the full Committee.