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**DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION**

October 26, 2021

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Harvard Enterprise Research Campus**, Allston

Present: Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis

DISCUSSION:

The project team presented the project, focusing specifically on the landscaping, public space, and how the project will integrate into the neighborhood. The Commissioners complemented the project, and encouraged the project team to further develop their ideas. In particular, the Commissioners asked the team to explore in more detail how active public space will be programmed, to consider climate and weather in choosing materials and making formal site moves, and to think of their open space plans as a more explicit storytelling device for the larger neighborhood and landscape. The Commissioners also encouraged the project team to apply that same logic to the architecture, so that the buildings that sit in the landscape are friendly and fit into the context. **The Project will continue in Design Committee.**

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **109 Brookline Ave**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis

DISCUSSION:

The project team presented updates to the project since the last Design Committee meeting, focusing on simplification of the building massing and changes to the street-edge landscape. The Commissioners appreciated the project's continued progress, and made suggestions about the building form including more clearly integrating the tower with the podium and simplifying or adjusting the massing's tapering and angles. For the landscape, the Commissioners encouraged the project team to start thinking about specific species of plantings, as well as how the design and sizing of the landscape will help knit the project into the neighborhood. A member of the public spoke to voice their preference for enhancing the greenspace at the corner of the building. **The Project will return to the full Commission for a vote.**