

MINUTES DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

October 8, 2019

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

Project: **Allston Square**, Allston

Present: Linda Eastley, Anne-Marie Lubenau, William Rawn

DISCUSSION: The Project team, represented by City Realty and Embarc Architects, used a digital presentation and model to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The discussion centered on revised massing strategies for the buildings south of Cambridge Street. The project team presented site context and the initial design strategies for these sites. Then, four massing strategies were presented and discussed. Commissioners offered their preferences for material palettes and massing expression, preferring a design scheme with less contrast/segmentation. The project will return to design committee.

6:00pm, Room #933A

Project: **1717-1725 Hyde Park Avenue**, Hyde Park

Present: Linda Eastley, Anne-Marie Lubenau, David Manfredi, William Rawn

DISCUSSION: At the last design committee meeting on September 17, the team was asked to revise the corner and building top along Milton Street and to continue to add pedestrian-scale detail to the building design. The team, represented by TAT architects, brought several revised design options to gather feedback from Commissioners. The Milton Street façade has been simplified and unified into one element and Commissioners found the changes to be successful. The project will return to the full commission for a vote.

6:45pm, Room #933A

Project: **525 Lincoln Street (Common Albright)**, Allston

Present: Linda Eastley, Anne-Marie Lubenau, David Manfredi, William Rawn

DISCUSSION: HDS Architecture and Arx Urban presented the project to the Commissioners. The focus of the discussion was on the Cambridge Street façade and the pedestrian experience around the building. The community is aligned with the green park area at the end of the site which is why the suggestion to break up the building was not possible. The building entry was made more prominent. Commissioners urged the team to explore options that could break up the long mass into two buildings and to treat the Lincoln and Cambridge Street designs differently, as Lincoln Street has a more residential scale than the urban experience on Cambridge Street. The Project team used a digital presentation and model to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present.