



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

October 27, 2020  
Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital IMP**, Jamaica Plain

Present: Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: Representatives from Faulkner Hospital and the NBBJ design team presented the project. This inpatient addition to the Faulkner Hospital is part of an update to the Institutional Master Plan and was most recently before the Commission at the September 3, 2019 Monthly Meeting. Given the lapse in time, the project was reintroduced. The proposal consists of future inpatient expansion and parking garage expansion/consolidation for the hospital. The entry and drop off area is tight, but landscaping is meant to relate to the Arnold Arboretum across the way. The extreme topography on site means that the new parking garaged will be partially embedded into the side of a hill.

Commissioners expressed that the weaving of the new inpatient building into the old one has been masterfully done and improves the existing site. Concerns remain about the scale and visibility of the parking garage, and the space required for vehicular circulation on the site. Fundamentally, review is challenged by the large proposed number of parking spaces in the project. The Commission once again requested to understand the impact/visibility of the proposed solar array proposed on top of the parking garage. The project will continue in design committee.

6:00pm

Project: **Bartlett Station Lots F2 and F4**, Roxbury

Present: Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: The two design teams from Davis Square Architects and DREAM Collaborative working on buildings F2 and F4, respectively, in the Bartlett Station PDA presented this project, expanding on the presentation given at the October 6, 2020 Monthly Meeting. As requested by the Commission, this presentation included requested in-depth background information about the history, phasing, and context of the site, as well as the relationship of these proposed buildings to open space throughout the PDA.

Building F2 was modified to have a strong presence at the corner with a clear main entry, which Commissioners appreciated. For Building F4, Commissioners complimented the building articulation and offered suggestions for the Lambert Street elevation to feel more like a building front. Small details can help make the entrance to this building stronger. The project will return to the full Commission.