

MINUTES
BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION 2nd Fall Workshop

November 29, 2022

5:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The meeting began with an introduction from Chief Arthur Jemison and Deputy Chief Diana Fernandez. The meeting briefly summarized the discussion at the October 16, 2022 and issues that the Commissioners at that meeting raised. Themes included the relationship of BCDC review to larger neighborhood and city goals and coordination with BPDA staff.

The meeting moved on to discuss the changes that are being contemplated for BCDC to address their concerns and the transformation of the BPDA. Changes discussed included adding two Commissioners, limiting the number of meetings, and having staff refer projects for review.

Finally, next steps of amending Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code, developing/updating By-laws were discussed.

Commissioner reactions varied from concern about adding members to appreciation that the current system is too time consuming. There was interest in maintaining the independent views of the BCDC, getting more information from BPDA staff on projects, and reinvigorating the review of the public realm.