

MINUTES  
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

March 21, 2023

5:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Projects: **Fenway Corners**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner Rawn Williams, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Kirk Sykes, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, and Commissioner Jonathan Evens

DISCUSSION:

The Project team shared project updates which were focused on streetscape improvements for Van Ness Street, Lansdowne Street, Ortiz Drive, Jersey Street and Arthur Alley. The commissioners asked for diagrams showing streetscape hierarchy along with vehicular and pedestrian circulation in the area. The commissioners enjoyed the incorporation of the stair cases and concluded that these places will gather an audience and excited. Still, there was concern about accessibility and inclusivity for all visitors.

There were a few public comments about the overdevelopment of the Fenway area. Residences would like a hold on new construction until assessment of a future transportation plan from BTM. Residence would also like a non-motorized pedestrian way in this area.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.

6:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Projects: and **Dorchester Bay City**, Dorchester

Present: Commissioner Rawn Williams, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Kirk Sykes, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, and Commissioner Jonathan Evens

DISCUSSION:

The Project team shared project updates which were focused on improvements with the public realm's walk to the sea, iconic buildings and landscape ecology. Commissioners agreed that there is still a lot of lawn in the landscape and they would like more ecotypes and resiliency efforts in the designated open spaces. The current building structures feel like a corporate campus in relation to the existing residential Harbor Point neighborhood and the unique location by the waterfront.

There were a few public comments about the pleasantries with the design team in community engagement process with residence in planning for the area.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.