

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

August 11, 2021
Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **100 Hood Park Drive Addition**, Charlestown

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION: The design and development team presented the project, focusing on multiple options for an updated façade design for the parking garage and new systems for screening it from being seen up and down the street. The Commissioners praised the ideas behind the new façade design, and generally complimented the project. They asked for small revisions to how the façade ends at a corner, and encouraged the development team to consider wrapping it around the corner to provide continuity. The Commissioners also asked about color, and encouraged the design team to pick one color for the fins on the parking façade. Public comments raised questions about light and permeability for the surrounding neighborhood, and the development team clarified further public questions about the project's environmental mitigation strategies. The project will return to the full Commission for a vote.

6:00pm

Project: **Landmark Center Redevelopment Project**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION: The project team presented overall updates to the project, including changes in architectural expression, landscaping and open space, and building access and context. The Commissioners raised concerns about the project being overly complex, and recommended the project team look at surrounding projects as precedents. BPDA review staff recommended simplifying the faceted corner and horizontal mullions to help keep the project from feeling like a wall. When addressing the landscape and public space, the Commissioners encouraged the design team to keep thinking about materiality, context, and pedestrian access in an effort to continue to simplify the design. The project will continue in design committee.