

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

September 21, 2021

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **323-365 Dorchester Avenue**, South Boston

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION:

The proponents presented developments from all four buildings in the project, and described how they had responded to feedback from the Commissioner concerning material, form, and unity across the site. On the two eastern buildings, the design team simplified the design, while they used the history of the neighborhood to influence the design of the two western buildings. Commissioner Love commented that she had seen this project through multiple Design Committee meetings, and was pleased with the progress. The Commission generally spoke positively up the updates and changes, and gave suggestions regarding the proportionality for the 333 Dorchester building, the form of the corner entry for the same, and encouraged the proponents to think more critically about how they integrate neighborhood history into their landscaping. A member of the public spoke, encouraging the speedy approval of the project. **The Project will return to the full Commission for a vote.**

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **819 Beacon St, Fenway**

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION:

The proponents described what they took away from the last Design Committee meeting, and presented three major changes: pulling the south-west volume back from the edge of the plinth; giving life, volume, and complexity to the face of the plinth along the multi-use path, and the design of the Beacon Street park. The Commissioners complimented the project on improvements, and asked clarifying questions about the multi-use path. The Commissioners who were present deferred making exhaustive landscaping comments to their landscape colleagues, but did question if it was possible to give the entrance to the Beacon Street park a more public feeling, and asked for sun and shadow studies. BPDA member of the public asked a clarifying question about the extent of the sidewalks around the project. **The Project will return to the full Commission for a vote, pending feedback on the landscape from other members of the Commission.**