

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

September 17, 2019

5:00pm, Room #937A, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall

Project: **Allston Square**, Allston

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Paul McDonough

DISCUSSION: The project team was represented by designers from Embark and Verdant Landscape Architecture. The presentation began with an overview of the 5-sites that compose this project, then focused on the 3 buildings north of Cambridge Street. A green space fronts the entrance to the largest of the residential buildings along Wilton and Cambridge Streets. Commissioners complimented the pedestrian network that knits these buildings together and provided suggestions for how to strengthen the public realm and ground floor experience. The design team presented their material palette/matrix; Commissioners urged the team to simplify their approach in both color and texture.

The Project team used a digital presentation and model to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Project will return to Design Committee.

6:00pm, Room #933A

Project: **1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave (Residences at Readville Station)**, Hyde Park

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Paul McDonough

DISCUSSION: The project most recently attended Design Committee on March 19, 2019. As such, the project team (TAT, Copley Wolff) gave a detailed overview of the project as well as the changes that have been addressed through the BCDC, BPDA, and public processes. A series of before and after images were presented around every elevation of the project, culminating in a façade design that has been simplified and improved to the Commissioners' approval. The biggest challenge that the Commissioners identified is the design of the building corner along Hyde Park Avenue and Milton Street, and to incorporate a more human scale in the detailing (like the trellis that has been added to the resident amenity terrace).

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