MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

May 24, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom
Project: Longwood Place, Fenway
Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Commissioners focused on the experience of the project both inside the site and from the surrounding context. They encouraged the project team to develop a fly-through, a digital or physical model, and/or a series of contextual views to help better understand how the project fits in with the surrounding Longwood Medical Area.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom
Project: 24 Drydock Ave, South Boston Waterfront
Present: Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Mimi Love

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Commissioners were positive about the direction of the design since the last meeting, and they encouraged to further develop the building’s public realm expression. In particular, the Commissioners asked the team to think about how the building meets the ground, and to use landscape elements and material explorations at the entrances and canopies to great unique and interesting moments.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom
Project: 41 Berkeley St, South End
Present: Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Mikyoung Kim
DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates since the last meeting with the Commission in 2020, including changes made during review by the South End Landmarks Commission. The Commissioners raised two outstanding issues - how the central beige volume of the residential building integrates with the surrounding brick volumes, and the programming and design of the Tremont Street Parklet - but were otherwise pleased with the project’s progress.

The Project will return to the full Commission for a vote.