

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

March 30, 2021
Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **Faulkner Hospital**, Jamaica Plain

Present: Commissioner Mikiyoung Kim, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: The team focused on the PV array above the garage, campus circulation, and proposed mitigation. They discussed the hospital's carbon neutrality goals, and the inclusion of several environmental strategies. The team showed images of a physical site model and views showing the sunken parking garage. They also reviewed existing transit services, and future parking needs and vehicular circulation plans. The team be including bicycle parking and off-site traffic mitigation to Centre Street.

Commissioners questioned bicycle access and safety along Centre Street, the presence of plantings around the parking garage, and landscape screening/buffering strategies. A member of the public questioned the preservation of the tree canopy.

The project will move to full committee.

6:00pm

Project: **Old Colony Final Phase**, South Boston

Present: Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: The design team reviewed BCDC comments from the March 16 meeting and presented an updated site plan. They showed simplified façade detailing, the articulation of bays, and entrances, and changes to building materiality. The team reviewed landscape strategies, such as grading, the creation of different street sections, and streetscape changes along Columbia Road.

Commissioners complemented changes to the façade, but asked for more clarity on architectural detailing and recommended making more simplifications. They also questioned the balance between hardscape and softscape in the open spaces.

A member of the public asked about the possibility of preserving the existing buildings.

The project will move to full committee.

7:00pm

Project: **Mildred Hailey Redevelopment**, Jamaica Plain

Present: Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION: The design team reviewed changes to color and materiality that respond more to the building massing. They discussed lighting strategies in the public realm, and the ways in which the entrances respond to the pathways of the Southwest Corridor.

Commissioners complemented the improvements to the façade in relationship to the building volume, and asked for more exploration of the color palette on parts of the building.

Members of the public asked about tree/building preservation and clarification on pathways near the site.

The project will move to full committee.