

MINUTES  
**DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION**

July 13, 2021

Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **24 Ericsson Neponset Wharf**, Dorchester

Present: Commissioner Eric Howler, Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner David Mafredi, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Jonathan Evans

DISCUSSION: The project team presented a recap of the building materiality, landscape design, and entry sequence along with renderings showing a walk through the site. Commissioners took interest in details of the building materials, like the balance between brick and metal and the character of residential balconies. They pushed the team to add more human scale elements to the pedestrian zone and consider views to the water as pedestrians move through the site. The project will return to the full Commission for a vote.

6:00pm

Project: **Willow Baker**, Dorchester

Present: Commissioner Eric Howler, Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner David Mafredi, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Jonathan Evans

DISCUSSION: The presentation by the project team included existing conditions information, open space and site plan program and details, and before and after renderings of the massing changes. Since the Commission last saw the project on January 5, 2021, the massing has been reduced to a maximum of 6 stories with additional setbacks. Commissioners raised questions about the overly programmed open spaces and appreciated the simplification of the massing. They encouraged the team to continue to refine the material and patterning strategies to be more elegant and continuous. Several members of the public commented on the responsiveness of the development team throughout this process. The project will continue in Design Committee.