

MINUTES DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

June 28, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom Project: **Seaport Circle,** South Boston Waterfront Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Eric Howeler, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner David Manfredi

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 responded positively to the project's development, praising the adjustments to its relationship with the street as well as safety and lighting. The issue of the pedestrian bridge connecting to the adjacent hotel was raised, and it was decided that it will be assessed by the full Commission after the project team further develops the design so that it is fully integrated into the public realm.

The Project will return to the full Commission.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom Project: **24 Drydock Avenue,** South Boston Waterfront Present: Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline updates and changes requested at previous Design Committee meetings. The Commissioners appreciated the overall clarity of the design, as well as the added greenery in the plaza and the updated entryway design. Material logic, sidewalk sizing and fixtures, and building access were raised as issues to continue discussing with BPDA staff.

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

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom Project: **30 Leo M. Birmingham Parkway**, Allston Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Eric Howeler, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The Project team gave an overview of how they responded to comments from previous Design Committee meetings, including updates to the parking and site design and the redesign of the building façade. These updates were well-received, and the Commissioners considered the new designs to be a vast improvement. For the meeting with the full Commission, the Project team was encouraged to reconsider the amount of materials and the scaling of the building's volumes, possibilities for cohesion between the parking ventilation and adjacent tree cover, and the grading of the community open space.

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