

BCDC APPROVED

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DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

October 22, 2019

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

Project: **Kenmore Hotel (One Kenmore Square)**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Andrea Leers

DISCUSSION:

The following team members represented the project:

Damien Chaviano, David Roache – Mark Development; Jeff Speck – Speck Associates; John Kett – Reed Hilderbrand; Wes Walker and Bryan Schieb – Studio Gang; Ralph DeNisco – Stantec

After presenting site and project context, the presentation focused on the key issues raised at the most recent Design Committee meeting on July 3, 2019, including the urban experience of New Road, the constraints of the building location, winter programming on the plaza, and wind and lighting strategies for the public realm around the building. Commissioners were comfortable with the additions to the public realm but spent substantial time discussing whether the building could be moved to provide more relief to the view corridor along Commonwealth Avenue.

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 the full Commission for a vote.

6:00pm, Room #933A

Project: **Allston Square**, Allston

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION: The project team was represented by Embarc Architects and City Realty. Over a series of Design Committee meetings, the project has been substantially revised. Changes to site circulation and distribution of massing throughout the 6 buildings on the north and south sides of Cambridge in the project were outlined in the presentation. Commissioners were comfortable with the changes as they have evolved through 4 Design Committee meetings. Materials in the project have been pared down and the Commissioners encouraged the design team to continue to simplify façade design strategy to provide more logic and cohesion.

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