

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

September 28, 2021

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Nubian Square Ascends**, Roxbury

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The Proponents presented the project digitally, including comments they heard at the September 7 meeting of the full Commission regarding materiality, public space, parking, and heights and views. The Commissioners spoke positively about the project, and raised several questions that could help the project's momentum. In particular, the Commissioners recommended investigating how to further activate the Eustis Street side of the project, including developing the ground-level facades and orienting the Cultural Hall entrance. Further comments encouraged the team to continue developing the dimensions of the parking garage and to consider the amount and sizing of retail. Several members of the public spoke to ask clarifying questions and to offer support for the project. The Project will continue in Design Committee.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **380 Stuart Street**, Back Bay

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Mimi Love

DISCUSSION:

The Proponents presented the project digitally, showing what they had heard in previous meetings with the Commission, including updates to massing, ground-level improvements, and smaller details of materiality. The Commissioners spoke highly of the improvements to the ground-level open space, and encouraged the Project Team to continue investigating programming and materiality for these spaces. The Commissioners also asked to see further developments in the massing, with special attention paid to wind generated by the building's curves and the locations of the breaks in vertical continuity. Several members of the public spoke to ask the project team to consider wind effects on previous buildings, and to consider the context surrounding the site. The Project will continue in Design Committee.