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

October 12, 2021

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Bulfinch Crossing, East Parcel Redevelopment**, Downtown

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Bill Rawn, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION:

The project team reviewed their responses to previous comments, revolving around the topics of urban realm, relationship to the PDA plan, and the formal language of the building. The Commissioners responded positively to the project, praising updates to the massing and the project's activation of the neighboring greenway. The Commissioners encouraged the project team to further develop their thinking about the project's open space, including how different configurations of ground-level massing might maximize the connection to the Greenway and how the open space could be programmed. Several members of the project spoke to praise the architecture of the building but to highlight concerns for noise and shadow. **The Project will continue in Design Committee.**

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **109 Brookline Avenue**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Bill Rawn

DISCUSSION:

The Project team presented their takeaways from previous visits to the Commission, including updates to the public realm and the architecture of the podium and tower. The Commissioners praised the updates from the last Design Committee meeting, and offered comments about how to add translucency to the rooftop mechanical façade, how the massing of the volumes work together, and access to the ground-floor retail spaces. In particular, the Commissioners requested further study of how the project fits into its context through further rendering studies and photos. A member of the public spoke to reiterate the Commission's request for further contextual study. **The project will continue in Design Committee.**