

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

June 22, 2021
Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **244-284 A Street**, South Boston Waterfront

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: The focus of tonight's meeting was the landscape design, public realm, and open space, and project team presented changes to the urban design strategy including a larger waterfront park, how the project fits into the 100 Acre Master Plan, and landscape details. The Commissioners asked about the experience of the public realm throughout the seasons and about arrival sequences through the site. They are interested in long views out of the site and opportunities to include art and historic elements throughout the public realm. Public comments were offered about paving/hardscape, bike connections, and program of the public spaces. The project will continue in Design Committee.

6:00pm

Project: **Madison Tropical Parcel 10, Phase 3, 2085 Washington Street**, Roxbury

Present: Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: In response to previous comments from the Commission and the public, the project team presented a revised building design along with massing studies that informed the current scheme. Commissioners complemented the revised massing. They remain concerned about the design of the building in such a prominent corner location as a gateway to Nubian Square, and encouraged the team to continue focusing on the ground plane and views to Nubian Square. Public comments were offered expressing concern about the design and public realm impacts. The project will return to the full Commission for a vote.