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

May 10, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Longwood Place, 305 Brookline Ave**

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner Andrea Leers, and Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis

**DISCUSSION:**

The project team shared updates to the project in response to previous design committee comments, focusing on the overall landscape development. Commissioners expressed concern that the current site plan design creates very fragmented open space, especially when compared to the protected central open space that exists on the site. They also commented that the location of the major open space exposed to Brookline Ave is concerning given the nature of that street and that the arrangement of the open space seems more driven by the buildings and the needed spacing between them to make them viable. They appreciated the creation of a diversity of spaces as a concept, but in practice, all the open spaces are all similar in size, and suggested creating more nuance and difference to the sizes of the open spaces might be helpful. The central spin is very clear as a concept, but the nature of that spin and its goals are less clear, with the Commissioners asking what is it connecting at the two ends and why is it splitting the site in half? The Commissioners also encouraged the landscape design to be bolder with the sustainability of the landscape design. The Commissioners asked to see more of the process work to explain how the design got to this point, and commented that the view corridors and connection to the Emerald necklace are still unclear.

**The Project will continue in design committee.**

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Seaport Circle**

Present: Commissioner William Rawn, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Andrea Leers, and Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis

**DISCUSSION:**

The project team responded to previous requests from Commissions . The Commissioners asked for further clarification on site circulation, and also complimented the simplification of the design achieved so far by lowering the building underpass to sidewalk level. Commissioners asked for second floor plans of the buildings in relationship to the outdoor walkways for the next meeting. They complimented the pavilion design, but asked for a better understanding of the design of the pavilion as seen from the Haul Road, so that the

Haul Road side is not treated as the back of the building. Commissioners voiced concern about the lack of light in the public plaza under the building, which is what the next meeting will focus on.

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