

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

May 21, 2019

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

Project: **Commonwealth Pier**

Present: Linda Eastley, David Hacin

DISCUSSION: At the request of the Commission, the project team presented the comprehensive public realm interventions for the Commonwealth Pier redevelopment. Commissioners complimented the warm material palette and generous addition to the public realm along the South Boston Waterfront. There was continued emphasis on how to draw users to the building's northeast edge. Commissioners also focused comments on the experience of the semi-covered stairway in the main plaza.

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: **12-28 Lansdowne Street, Fenway Theater**

Present: Linda Eastley, David Hacin, Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: Furthering previous discussions about façade design, the project team presented a finalized version of the building design that effectively integrates the existing garage building with the new theater. Comments focused on enhancing building details.

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.

7:00pm, Room #937A

Project: **Suffolk Downs Master Plan- Massing Strategy & Neighborhood Scale Design.**

Present: Linda Eastley, David Hacin, Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: This evening's presentation focused on high-level strategies for massing and character sub-divisions within Suffolk Downs. At previous committee sessions, Commissioners have desired opportunities for design/architecture/massing that break from repetitive form and offer a "special" experience; ideas for these moments were discussed tonight. Commissioners also pushed the team to consider the removal of parking podiums along the open space.

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Project will return to Design Committee.