

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

August 27, 2019

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

Project: **36-70 Sprague Street**, Hyde Park

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: Following last week's Design Committee session, the proponent and design team (Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc + Kyle Zick Landscape Architects) brought drawings and a model that reflect changes made to the building's entry sequence and drop-off zone. The building's entrance includes a covered porte cochere; Commissioners complimented the progress and pushed the team to continue to bring light and openness into the entry space. This conversation lead to comments about the building's landscape design strategy, which Commissioners felt could use strengthening. The design team presented precedent imagery for façade material, scale, and texture which the Commissioners felt was appropriate for the building's design. Generally, the present Commissioners urged the design team to continue to focus on the pedestrian user experience both inside this project and from views around the project (including that from the surrounding train lines around the site).