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DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

May 23, 2023

5:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom
Project: **1141 Bennington Street**, East Boston
Present: Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner Laura Solano

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Commissioners praised the resolution of the Austin Avenue terminus and encouraged further development of the connection between the buildings, including exploration of whether or not the bridge is the most appropriate solution. On the site plan, concerns were raised about the spacing and tightness along the marsh edge, as well as the appropriate density of planting to assist in bird movement to and from the marsh. There was no public comment.

The Project will return to the full Commission.

6:00 pm
Project: **22 Drydock Avenue**, South Boston Waterfront
Present: Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner Laura Solano

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Commissioners were positive about the changes to the building architecture, and the majority of the discussion revolved around site planning and landscape. The difference in comfort levels between the open-spaces was addressed, and the project team was encouraged to explore various strategies (sculptural shrub planting, colorful shade resilient plants, verticality) to enliven the character of the north-facing open space. Adjustments to the cross-block connection along the EDIC garage and the pedestrian experience along Drydock Avenue were also recommended. There was no public comment. For the next appearance before the Commission, the project team was asked to ensure that all architectural and site drawings are aligned.

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