

MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

March 14, 2023

5:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **155 N Beacon St**, Allston

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Mimi Love

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, focusing on direct responses to feedback given at the previous Design Committee meeting. The Commissioners praised the simplifications and general massing and site strategies, but asked for further exploration of the mechanical penthouses. It was suggested that the mechanical screens take on a more architectural character that more directly relates to the rest of the building, such as by using a similar color or an extension of materiality. The Commissioners also recommended that the project team explore bringing the landscape design of the interior courtyard out into the streetscape, to make use of the wide sidewalk dimensions along North Beacon.

The Project will return to the full Commission.

6:00 pm

Project: **Stanhope Hotel**, Back Bay

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Mimi Love

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach, focusing on site design, landscape, and resilience strategies. The Commissioners acknowledged the rich detail of the design and the comprehensive approach to designing the variety of spaces around the site. The Project Team was advised to think about how people would move through exterior spaces from building to building, and how the planting and design of the "Ways" could differ according to the program and use of the adjacent buildings. It was also recommended that the project team find an appropriate balance between ornamental plants and native species. A member of the public spoke to ask about the connection of the Ramble to Doherty Park.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.