



MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

July 21, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **15 Necco Street**, South Boston Waterfront

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Eric Howeler, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION: Elkus Manfredi Architects presented the project with a focus on the site and development in response to questions at the last design committee meeting. Changes include moving the north canopy closer to Necco Street and increasing the overlap in materials from top to bottom in the building.

The Commissioners appreciated the development of the project and the work to integrate into the neighborhood while being a contemporary building. Suggestions were made around continuing to develop the continuity across the zipper. The refinement to the landscape design and the future adjustments to work with the future park to the south were also commented on.

The Project will return to the full Commission.

6:00pm

Project: **Allston Green, Nova Allston**, Allston

Present: Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION: Prellwitz Chilinski Associates presented the project in full, focusing on revisions to the massing and layout since the monthly meeting. They also presented the landscape and street cross sections.

The Commissioners asked about the adjacency of the building to the eastern property line. They also commented on the landscape design, asking that it open up more to the residential neighborhood. The design and massing of the three buildings was discussed. There was concern about the number of finish materials and fenestration patterns not creating clear readings for each building. They suggested there should be a guiding idea about the three buildings as a group and then individually that could be reflected in the massing, fenestration, and façade materials. The Commissioners also suggested looking again at the context in terms of street setbacks and materiality.

The Project will continue in design committee.