

MINUTES  
**DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION**

May 16, 2023

5:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: 175 N. Harvard Street

Present: Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Shauna Gillies-Smith, Commissioner Catherine Morris

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The first half of the meeting focused on the American Repertory Theater portion of the site. The Commissioners appreciated many of the changes presented by the project team, especially the adjustments made to the entrance plaza and the role of exterior artwork in the project. Further questions revolved around creating differences between the various volumes. The project team was asked to explore how further definition can be given to the South Campus Drive and Ivy Lane facades that does not rely solely on art and planting.

The discussion then shifted to the residential portion of the site. The Commissioners were very positive about the detail and expression of brick in the facade, and asked how additional hierarchy could help to express those details and alleviate the heaviness of the massing. The townhouse expression at the ground floor was also questioned, and the project team was asked to think about the tone and lightness of the materials used. For the next meeting, the project team was asked to bring photos of models, details, and rendered elevations.