

MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

January 17, 2023

5:00 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Olmsted Village**, Mattapan

Present: Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Jonathan Evans

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The meeting focused on changes to Brooke house, it now sits in the site much better and the drop in height at the corner that creates a gateway condition. The design team was asked to pay attention to that main street corner and how it wraps. The child care area provides little protection from winter weather, maybe add a screen or lower the overhang or drop that belly a bit. There were concerns about boundary at MassBiologics. Lastly, more understanding is requested about the cul de sac, and may another connection be made to connect the street layout?

The Project will move to Full Committee.

There was a public comment about defrauding home owners in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, it was outside the purview of the commissioners,

5:45 pm

Project: **Mary Ellen McCormack Redevelopment**, South Boston

Present: Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner William Rawn, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION:

The commissioners asked the development team to reevaluate the street layout and block network. The architecture feels fragments and has a suburban feel for this urban setting. The open space connection needs more urban design principals and the commissioners had concerns about parking and courtyard greenspaces.

There was one public comment in favor of the project. They like the density of the site and the proximity to Andrew Square.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.

6:30 pm

Project: **3390 Washington Street**, Jamaica Plain

Present: Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner William Rawn, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The meeting focused on the Washington Street side of the project. The Commissioners were complementary about the development of the project and asked that the team return with more information/clarity on the driveway/arcade entrance and a reconsideration of the restaurant entrance to feel more architecturally distinct from the historic building.

Jennifer Uhrhane and Bradley Cohen spoke with appreciation of the development of the project and requests for improved bike access, lively architecture, and landscape development.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.