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## MINUTES DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

November 26, 2019

5:00pm, Room #937A, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall

Project: **Seaport Square Parcel N**, South Boston Waterfront

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: After last week's design committee meeting, the design team brought studies of brick and metal relationship on the façade as well as material coloring. The project team prefers a darker brick color with a contrasting metal to articulate the public space between Parcels P and N.

Commissioners appreciated the attention to detail. The team was asked to add trees and green the public realm around the building and to reconsider the design of canopies on the building.

5:45pm, Room #933A

Project: **Allston Yards**, Allston

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: Commissioners at last week's design committee session on this project asked the team to clarify the residential form on building A, simplify materiality, and create a bolder move at the building corner to highlight unique architecture. The footprint of the residential massing was made more uniform and the façade design simplified into contrasting material volumes. The

Commissioners like the warmer wood material on the facades closest to the street and appreciate the simplified form. The design team was asked to present character and preliminary schemes for the public realm throughout the site.

6:30pm, Room #933A

Project: **525 Lincoln (Common Allbright)**, Allston

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: The last Design Committee discussion on November 19 focused on the building's facade along Cambridge Street. Commissioners felt the building was too long and needed to be (visually) broken into two sections. Further design revisions were presented tonight with this goal in mind. Commissioners present continued to express concern about the length of the building.

Further discussion complimented design of the public realm and details were offered in suggestion for lighting, seating, and planting strategies.