



MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

July 28, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **1515 Commonwealth Ave**, Allston

Present: Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: RODE Architects represented the project team and gave updates to the project design. At the most recent Design Committee meeting for this project, Commissioners requested more information on pedestrian and vehicular circulation, the building in relation to the site's topography, and the relationship between passive and active open spaces on and around the site. The Commission previously responded favorably to the project's massing and siting. In turn, at this meeting, the design team presented a series of site sections, building elevations, and diagrams that highlight circulation on site. The landscape architects for the project, OBJ, presented a detailed series of views through the project from the perspective of a pedestrian. The present Commissioners appreciated the attention to detail and thorough presentation. The Commission suggested that the vehicle entry and drop off zone be enhanced for pedestrians and made more into a plaza. They also discussed details like lighting, and made a final recommendation to better integrate the vertical vs horizontal design elements of the two buildings on site.

The Project will return to the full Commission for a Vote of Recommendation.