



MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

August 18, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **Jan Karski Way Extension project, Dorchester**

Present: Commissioner Linda Eastley, Commissioner Mikyounug Kim, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION: The project presentation was given by designers from Stantec Architects and Halverson Landscape Architects. The project was most recently presented at the May 5, 2020 Monthly Meeting, so the team began with a review of the site configuration, circulation, and context, including images of a physical model of the site. In May, Commissioners asked about programming and design of the Civic Lawn. The team highlighted the relationship between green spaces on and around the site. The Civic Lawn is intended to be a passive public space at the corner of Boston St and District Ave. Enterprise Street has been reconfigured to expand the sidewalk, add street trees, and create a buffer for the Dorchester Historical Society building. These changes were well received.

Commissioners commended the team for going above and beyond to respond to feedback and improve the project. Outstanding questions remain about the resolution of the bridge connector over the pedestrian passageway and the use and circulation through the pedestrian plaza in front of it. Small recommendations were made to address the patterning of the façade design as viewed from Enterprise Street. The Project will return to the full Commission for a vote of recommendation.