

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

October 19, 2021

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Nubian Ascends**

Present: Mimi Love, David Manfredi, Jonathan Evans, Deneen Crosby

DISCUSSION:

The project team reviewed their responses to previous comments, including the need for more spill out space from the Cultural Hall, concern over the amount of solid wall on Eustis Street, the need for a drop-off area, more consideration of program and safety, and more consideration for what happens in the interstitial spaces around the parking garage. The team made several changes to the project, bringing the theatre space up a floor to be level with Washington Street, continuing to design the plaza, and changing the massing of the parking garage. The Commissioners responded positively to the changes, and asked further questions regarding the projection proposed above the entry door, flexibility of the plaza to function as both a viewing area and entry, the materiality of the loading dock walls, the design of the mechanical penthouse, and width of sidewalks on Washington Street. Overall, the comments were very positive.

**The Project will return to the full Commission for a vote.**