

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

October 4, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **776 Summer Street, Block F**

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby and Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The project team gave an overview of what has been seen in design committee thus far and focused on responding to previous questions from Commissioners about how the building massing and open space layout. Commissioners commented that the landscape is dynamic and flexible. Commissioners also asked how the building meet the ground; and how the grade changes work on the site and how accessible is the space. The commissioners emphasized the design team to really think about is the waterfront experience for visitors; along with what will be the commercial use on the ground floor. Commissioners also asked if the ground floor would have operable edges that spill out to the open space and suggested building amenities wrap around more of the harbor side and to add a board walk. Commissioners commented that the updated design look at traffic from M street, and think of views from Elkin Street.

The Project will continue in design committee.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **Parcel X (310)**

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Linda Eastley and Commissioner David Manfredi,

DISCUSSION:

The project team gave an overview of the project's context and design. Commissioners commented that it would be good for the developer to address connecting to the larger context area; and accessibility with focus on pedestrian patterns. Commissioners frequently commented about road layout and safety, along with views and open space. The building massing and materials can use minor defining, but is overall an improvement. Look at other options for rods for the building entrance. Place more attention to limit shadows over the public realm.

The Project will return to the full Committee.