



MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

October 25, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **125 Lincoln Street**, Leather District

Present: Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION:

Diana Fernandez, the Deputy Chief of Urban Design, presented an overview of ongoing design conversations between the Boston Planning & Development Agency and the project team concerning updates and benefits to the ground level public realm as strategies for mitigating height and massing. The Commissioners responded positively to the proposed improvements to public realm but remained concerned that the height of the project will create a wall between the Leather District and Chinatown. Several members of the public spoke both in support and in opposition.

The Project will return to the full Commission.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **776 Summer Street Phase One**, South Boston

Present: Commissioner Jonathan Evans, Commissioner Kathy Kottaridis, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION:

The project team presented updates to the design strategy for Block D and its associated open space. The Commissioners gave a number of recommendations for further development of the massing, including how the southern façade and massing can be molded to be inviting and engaging, and how the strategy can be simplified and loosened to allow for hierarchy and relief. Comments about the open space were positive, and the Commissioners encouraged further exploration of creative lighting strategies in the Turbine Alley as a reference to the site's history.

The Project will continue in design committee.