



MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

February 11, 2020

5:00pm, Room #937A, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall

Project: **Fenway Center Phase 2**, Fenway

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Kirk Sykes, Commissioner David Manfredi joined around 6 pm.

DISCUSSION: At the initial presentation on February 4, 2020, the Commission's feedback centered on the proposed massing, relationship to context, and understanding the constraints and entitlements of the project. The project team presented more detailed information on the context and development of the project along with the specific constraints associated with air rights construction and the requirements of lab buildings. The architects then presented a series of massing studies they had done revising the proposed project. They showed three that they studied in depth and explained why they felt that the massing they called Shifts was the most successful. The Commissioners agreed and complemented the proponent on the amount of thought and work that had gone into the presentation. They further suggested looking at additional ways to reduce the mass and that the development of the skin of the building and the space around it would continue to be important to the understanding of the massing. The Project team used a digital presentation, physical models, and boards/print outs to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Project will continue in design committee.