



MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

September 29, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

5:00pm

Project: **1500 Soldiers Field Road**, Brighton

Present: Commissioner Mikyong Kim, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: Höweler and Yoon and OBJ Landscape Architects presented the project. To respond to questions about the overall urban design strategy at the initial presentation on September 1, the team presented rendered views and diagrams in context of current and potential future urban design network around the site in the future. To enhance pedestrian connection and views from Soldiers Field Road to Soldiers Field Place, the team adjusted and enlarged the pathway next to the building. Commissioners complimented the design of the building and stressed that they want to ensure this project sets a good precedent for future development in the area, especially in relating to the scale of the pedestrian. Suggestions were offered to focus the building edges, building screening/landscaping, materiality color, and lighting system. The Project will return to the full Commission for a Vote of Recommendation.

6:00pm

Project: **Allston Green**, Allston

Present: Commissioner Mikyong Kim, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION: This was the third design committee meeting for this project. Tonight's presentation focused on the public realm and landscaping around the project and revised design of Building C. The project will add street trees, a tot lot, plaza space, and a green. Building C has been modified to increase modulation with front façade setbacks and a warmer material palette. Commissioners commented that the project has continued to improve throughout the review process and they appreciate the variety of open spaces throughout the site. They offered suggestions for detail improvements to façade technique and public art elements that can be worked out with BPDA staff. The Project will return to the full Commission for a Vote of Recommendation.