

MINUTES

DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

January 24, 2023

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom Project: **11-21 Bromfield**, Downtown

Present: Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

The project team used a digital presentation to give an overview of updates to the project. Given the length of time since the project's last appearance before the Commission, the first half of discussion was driven by clarifying questions on the design and project process. The Commissioners then praised the project for its material strategy and street-level activation, and encouraged the project team to continue to refine details. A BPDA planner spoke to clarify the project's relationship with the ongoing PLAN: Downtown initiative. Several members of the public and representatives of nearby historical societies spoke to express concerns about the project's potential shadow impacts on adjacent historic resources.

The Project will return to the full Commission.

6:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: 3390 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Mimi

Love, Commissioner Kirk Sykes

DISCUSSION:

The Project team used a digital presentation to give updates on the project's access, site design, and public realm. Much of the discussion focused on material expression. The Commissioners asked the project team to establish a consistent material vocabulary that echoes the simplicity of the existing structures and simplifies the additions. Strategies for making the site more welcoming such as lighting and public art were suggested. Two members of the public spoke to give architectural suggestions and to express their support for the project.

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