

MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

March 26, 2019

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

Project: **115 Winthrop Square: Great Hall and Winthrop Square Park**

Present: Linda Eastley, Eric Howeler, Kirk Sykes, William Rawn

DISCUSSION: Following questions from the previous presentation of the project, the proponent walked through the interior circulation of the Great Hall in detail. Commissioners commented on paving patterns at the exterior across raised crosswalks. The project team used a digital presentation and to outline their approach and project updates and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present.

6:00pm, Room #933A

Project: **Suffolk Downs**

Present: Linda Eastley, Eric Howeler, Kirk Sykes, William Rawn

DISCUSSION: This project was reviewed at subcommittee last month, where Commissioners stressed the need for architectural variety in the master plan. This idea remained central to the evening's discussion. Commissioners and the project team discussed strategies for primary corridors and the relationship of retail, residential, and commercial programs. The Project team used a digital presentation and model to outline their approach and project updates and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present.

7:00pm, Room #937A

Project: **Dock Square Garage**

Present: Deneen Crosby, Linda Eastley, David Hacin, Andrea Leers

DISCUSSION: At the monthly Commission meeting on March 5, 2019, the Commission voted to disapprove this project. The project team returned with a revised design that brought the height of the massing down to 136'. Commissioners remained opposed to the height of the project and called into question the preservation of the parking garage given the trend toward future mobility technologies. A comprehensive parking study was suggested.