



MINUTES
DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION

February 25, 2020

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

Project: Simmons University Living and Learning Center

Present: Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau

DISCUSSION: Following up on the previous design committee meeting on 01/21/2020, the proponent showed changes to the Living and Learning Center intended to clarify the central quad and the massing of the building. The commissioners complimented the updates to the project and expressed appreciation for the difficulty of the project. They asked that the proponent present more views of the proposed project from around the quad and additional information in the form of elevations around the site to help better explain the proposed massing. The Project team used a digital presentation to outline their approach and project updates, and answered questions from the BCDC Commissioners present. The Project will return to design committee.

6:00pm, Room #933A

Project: Fenway Center Phase 2

Present: Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Mikyoung Kim, Commissioner David Manfredi, Commissioner William Rawn

DISCUSSION: Follow up on previous design committee meetings, the proponent showed development of the massing and provided an introduction to the public realm design. Commissioners asked for more work on the massing of the building facing Brookline Avenue, increased step back and modulation of the form in the lower portion, particularly at the portal. They also expressed interest in the development of the building as it meets the two sidewalks and that experience. Finally, the public realm discussion was interested in the idea of zones and asked the proponent to look at intensifying those readings to make this long public passage interesting. The project will move to the full commission for a vote.