

MINUTES  
**DESIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION**

August 16, 2022

5:00pm, Held virtually via Zoom

Project: **776 Summer Street**, South Boston

Present: Commissioner Deneen Crosby, Commissioner David Hacin, Commissioner Andrea Leers, Commissioner Anne-Marie Lubenau, Commissioner Mimi Love, Commissioner David Manfredi

DISCUSSION:

The Project team presented their reactions and responses to comments from the monthly meeting, focusing on the turbine halls and the project open space. The Commissioners appreciated aspects of the approach, and encouraged the project team to do more to draw people into the public spaces. In particular, the Commissioners recommended further exploration into the programming of the space, as well as clarification of how people will find the public spaces from outside the development. Further study of landscape and entry point conditions on East First Street and Summer Street were encouraged. Concern was expressed about the building facing Summer Street, and in particular how it will or will not create a wall that hides the public spaces from the rest of the neighborhood. The Commissioners asked for a more refined design for the Summer Street building that moves beyond a direct expression of Chapter 91 limitations and presents a more welcoming face to Summer Street. Several members of the public spoke to express similar concerns.

The Project will continue in Design Committee.