

Minutes

Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee

March 30, 2022 5:00 PM

Held remotely via Zoom

Committee members (in attendance noted by Y/N):

John VanScoyoc, Chair	Y	Wendy Friedman	Y	Tom Nally	Y
Rachna Balakrishna	Y	Joe Gaudino	N	Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Deborah Brown*	Y	Wendy Machmuller	Y	Mark Zarrillo	Y

**arrived late/left early*

Staff & consultants present: Kara Brewton

Meeting materials included: agenda, draft design guidelines

Guests included: Tad Champion, Paul Saner, Frances Shedd-Fisher, Betsy DeWitt, Emily Jacobsen, Harvey Willson, Perry Grossman

Kara Brewton opened the meeting, noting that it was being held remotely on the Zoom platform due to COVID, and after checking that all participants' audio/video were working well, and Kara announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Today's meeting will focus on design guidelines. These can be updated periodically overtime, and have already been reviewed by the design subcommittee.

Design Guidelines Review

Kara walked through the comments received by Committee members over the last few days. Kara shared a document that includes all the comments.

- Wendy Friedman provided comments on setbacks, materiality (the Committee discussed the role of the Planning Board in reviewing materials and how prescriptive the design guidelines should be), shading, LEED, equity, Davis & Walnut Paths
- Deborah Brown provided comments regarding language that can be borrowed from the City of Cambridge, opportunities for food trucks or mobile services (to instead be added to the Committee report). E-charging for bicycles, bike maintenance hubs, incentives for DBEs (to instead be added to the Committee report), sustainability/areas of refuge for disasters (the Committee discussed the role of emergency management), HVAC, shelter/sun-shading, public art, breaking up of long facades, parking space screening, avoiding blank walls, materials/colors (what can and should be discussed?)
- Carlos Ridruejo provided comments on how the guidelines can maintain quality of architecture

Next Steps

Next couple meetings will be Monday at noon (to finish the design guideline edits), write ups submitted to Kara by Friday, Report Writing Subcommittee will meet at 1-2pm on 4/8, 4/13 at 11:30am. The Committee reviewed upcoming hearings to attend.

Closing

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.