

2-4 BROOKLINE PLACE DAT MEETING SUMMARY
September 15, 2014 -- 7:30 p.m.

DAT Members Present: Chair Linda Hamlin, Mark Zarrillo, Edith Brickman, Cynthia Gunadi, Steve Lacker, Arlene Mattison

Staff Present: Polly Selkoe

Members of the Public: Richard Tuck and Craig Bolon

Development Team: George Cole (Stantec), Architects Sam Norod and Tim Talun (Elkus Manfredi), Landscape Architect, Mikyoung Kim

Mark Zarrillo opened the meeting. He made a motion to accept the **minutes of the August 26th** DAT meeting. Linda Hamlin seconded. The minutes were **approved unanimously**.

George Cole stated that the goal of the meeting is to react to three different scenarios for the open space on the site and the proposed building shapes in order to get a direction for the further iterations of the designs.

Architect Tim Talun showed a power point presentation with these three different scenarios and asked the DAT to respond with ideas on what they see as the key planning and design issues for the redevelopment of Brookline Place. [See hand-out dated 9/15/2014.] He then showed a massing model and showed how the three scenarios looked when placed in the model. There was discussion about the pros and cons of both the open space and building shapes and relationships.

Steve Lacker reiterated that wind study is needed to inform the decision.

The DAT was then asked to express their reactions to the three scenarios.

Cynthia Gunadi – problems with #3, curved buildings not necessarily good. Leaning toward #2, although it needs more development.

Steve Lacker – likes #2, because the open space works with the massing. Site lines are good and this scheme has the most potential.

Linda Hamlin – likes #1 and the paths. Likes the lower building projections. Has playfulness. The site doesn't have to be flat. Seating could be retaining walls. Landscaping must be sustainable.

Arlene Mattison – likes open space in #1, also likes the building forms in #1. The buildings and open space should be different than what exists now in Brookline. Enough space should be left on Washington Street to plant mature trees.

Brickman - likes scheme #1 with rounded buildings and lower projections.

Mark Zarrillo – likes #1 and lower building projections. Would prefer to call it a greenway, not a boulevard. Doesn't like pinch point in #2. In scheme #3, should have one path, not two. Doesn't want a large green lawn.

The architect pointed out that #1 would bring more light into the middle courtyard, and the landscape architect stated that there was a choice whether the open space should be more urban or more green.

The Design Advisory Team asked the applicant to more fully develop schemes #s 1 and 2 to help them choose one or components from each.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9th at 7:30 pm in rm. 111.

The meeting was adjourned.