

## Minutes

### Urban Design & Massing Subcommittee

April 29, 2021 1:00 PM

Held remotely via Zoom

*Subcommittee members (in attendance noted by Y/N):*

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

*Staff present:* Kara Brewton

*Guests:* Tad Campion, Mark Lewis, anonymous call-in guest

*Meeting materials included:* “Agenda for 4/29/21 meeting”

John VanSocoyoc opened the meeting remotely via Zoom, noting that the meeting was being held remotely due to COVID and was being recorded. He noted that a quorum was not present, and so no decisions would be made at this meeting. However, he thought it would be helpful to use the time to briefly catch up on a couple items.

Tom Nally noted that he would like the height, residential square footage, and number of units at the Madris building.

John VanScoyoc asked the guests for some thoughts on what the Committee had been discussing to date.

Tad Campion noted that he would like to see continued improvement in the corridor, but as an abutter, with the properties to the south of Boylston Street being so shallow, he was concerned that without significant setbacks, and additional height would be disastrous to Walnut Street residents. Additionally, the signage permitted at Hilton Garden Inn was much more successful than what was allowed at Homewood Suites, which has a large, backlit sign that the whole neighborhood can see. Tom Nally agreed about the sign comment, and having been involved with both projects, noted that the Design Team spent some time in getting the signage right at the Hilton Garden Inn. Kara asked whether the Subcommittee could adjust the design guidelines to memorialize the difference between the two sites as far as allowed signage goes.

Mark Lewis noted that replacing the Davis Path footbridge was issue number one for him and his neighbors, and saw that this issue was also identified in the survey results.

Subcommittee members mentioned the previous gas station closer to Kirkman’s, and pondered what kind of reuse might be appropriate there – although the site is outside of this study area.

The Subcommittee would try to meet again May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 or 11 am; Kara will poll members.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 pm.

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