

2-4 BROOKLINE PLACE DAT MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2014 -- 7:30 p.m.

DAT Members Present: Chair Linda Hamlin, Mark Zarrillo, Edith Brickman, Steve Lacker, Arlene Mattison, and Antonia Bellalta, John Bassett

Staff Present: Polly Selkoe

Members of the Public: Andrea Kalsow, Michael Rubenstein, Angela Hyatt and Craig Bolon

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

Landscape architect Mikyoung Kim showed the model and the revisions to the paths through the site. She also displayed some photos of possible designs for the open space and explained that the zoning for the site has a maximum for the amount of paving on the site.

Architect Tim Talun reported on the meeting with the Transportation Board about proposed revisions to Pearl Street, including angled parking and taxi spaces.

George Cole explained that the Transportation Board asked the developer to look into back-in angled parking on Pearl Street and narrowing the raised crosswalk.

DAT members didn't like taxi parking located in front of and adjacent to the park and the widening of Pearl Street.

Mikyoung said that they will build larger scale model.

Angela Hyatt suggested that the path from the T not bisect the green space equally but leave one side larger. She also suggested play equipment.

Edie Brickman suggested that there is a method to support grass lawn that is used.

Mark Zarrillo suggested integrating the pathway with the tabletop crosswalk and felt this area should be reevaluated.

Architect Sam Norod went over the design of the buildings.

Two Brookline Place is wrapped in glass on the east and north side and complements the landscaping. The garage will have a simple, brick façade, and on the park side, there will be an interesting stair with plant material on the exterior and with lights at night. Sam Norod showed images of different materials on facades.

Bassett likes red brick for the facade.

Steve Lacker suggested buildings use some same system but different opacity.

Arlene Mattison likes the design of the open space and how it relates to the surrounding buildings.

Mark Zarrillo discussed the edge of the garage and wants it to be special architecturally or sculpturally.

Angela Hyatt likes the idea of the perforated garage and there could be a curve and a switchback stair. It would be a more literal connection to the buildings.

Eddie Brickman likes the mix of brick and glass.

Linda Hamlin suggested evaluating the massing and details of 10 Brookline Place West. Also the ground plane is very important because that's what people see as pedestrian or in a car.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 5th at 7:30 pm and would focus on the public realm of the buildings and the landscaping.

The meeting was adjourned.