

UDPRP Review Summary 07.25.14

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 07.25.14

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: Colorado-Beckley Streetscape

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5E South

Overview

Below is a summary of Urban Design Peer Review Panel for the Colorado-Beckley Streetscape as derived from the July 25th Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The project is premature, given the current flux of the Oak Cliff Gateway zoning process, the streetcar expansion, the limited project budget, and the changing nature of the context.
- [2] It is likely to be an ineffective program / intervention given the existing power lines, the narrow, limited right-of-way, and the limited budget.
- [3] The panel recommends if the project does move ahead, it focus on select areas to have a greater impact, particularly around Colorado and its connection to the Colorado-Beckley streetcar stop and fundamental infrastructure improvements such as power pole removal.
- [4] There are concerns that the current budget will not support quality art installations, and an alternative approach is recommended to create opportunities for local artists to be engaged in a phased art program as funds become available.
- [5] In regards to public art, be sure not to make references to West Dallas when citing examples of the cultural history of North Oak Cliff.