

UDPRP Review Summary 10.24.14

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 10.24.14

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: Love Field Element/Aloft Hotel

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5E South

Overview

Below is a summary of Urban Design Peer Review Panel Love Field Element/Aloft Hotel as derived from the October 24th Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The panel acknowledges this project as a forerunner of increased density and urbanity for the Mockingbird corridor, anchored by the Medical District and Dallas Love Field.
- [2] The panel applauds the general direction of the proposed plan, especially as it compares to the current urban environment, or lack thereof.
- [3] Consider designing the landscape, streetscape, and parking along Forest Park Boulevard and other related vehicular drives in the character of more urban streets.
- [4] The panel encourages relevant City departments to support the minimizing of parking requirements to reflect the needs of the operator or brand where less stringent than current regulations.
- [5] Consider alternative orientation to the drive and drop off that front on Mockingbird to allow for a more pedestrian environment, avoiding a “street next to a street” public realm condition and improving vehicular flow at the front of the hotel.

As local examples of alternatives, consider “two front door” arrangements as observed at the Dallas Melrose or Stoneleigh Hotels.

- [6] The panel encourages the City to develop a vision and plan for the Mockingbird corridor, specifically from Dallas Love Field to the Medical District.