

UDPRP Review Summary 06.26.15

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 06.26.15

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: Thanksgiving Square

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5ES

Overview

Below is a summary of Urban Design Peer Review Panel advice for Thanksgiving Square as derived from the June 26th Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] Consider alternative options that would allow for relocating the elevator either internally or off-site so it does not become a competing object within the original plaza design.
- [2] Further explore implications of ADA standards related to historic buildings to fully evaluate all options for securing proper access while maintaining the integrity of the original design.
- [3] Recognizing the inherent urban design challenges presented by the existing perimeter wall, the panel notes the appropriateness of modifications to better integrate the site with its surroundings.
- [4] The panel stresses the importance of carefully considering details and materiality of any modifications to ensure that the integrity of the original design is maintained.
- [5] The general geometry of any modifications should be harmonious with the overall organization of the original plaza elements.
- [6] The panel expresses reluctance towards introducing additional design features to the plaza in favor of a strategy that employs minor modifications to the original plaza elements.
- [7] The panel strongly recommends modifying the curb line along the Pacific frontage to create a larger sidewalk/public area, along with further exploring the integration of materials or treatments across the full street right of way.
- [8] Providing shade in the public realm through street trees or other means should be incorporated wherever conditions allow.