

UDPRP Review Summary

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Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 04.20.18

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: University Hills

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5ES

Overview

Below is a summary of Urban Design Peer Review Panel advice for the University Hills development proposal as derived from the April 20th Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The panel suggests further study and effort be made in regards to the current arterial and thoroughfare layout to be designed in service to a finer grain network of walkable internal streets.
- [2] The panel encourages more emphasis be given toward organizing the conceptual development layout in service to the proposed water and open space system as an organizational driver for the site.
- [3] The panel further notes the opportunity of linear open spaces, branching from the central proposed open space to create a unique development character.
- [4] The panel expresses concern regarding the current street layout and network serving as dividers of uses and development zones to alternatively be designed as connectors stitching together development into urban corridors.
- [5] The panel encourages leveraging the proposed mix of uses to create a more robust integration if commercial development serving the residential development.
- [6] The panel encourages utilizing the historical context of the former interurban line as an organizing element and identifying feature of the site.
- [7] More focus should be places in the development form and identity along Lancaster Rd. As a true urban corridor in form and character.
- [8] The panel strongly encourages existing topography be engaged as an organizing feature of the site.