

# UDPRP Review Summary

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 3.29.24

TIME: 8:30am

**PROJECT: Palladium Buckner Station TOD**

LOCATION: City Hall 5ES

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## Overview

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Peer Review Panel's advice for the Palladium Buckner Station TOD project as derived from the March 29<sup>th</sup> Peer Review session.

## Design Recommendations Summary

- [1] The Panel advises that retention areas be confirmed and that low-impact development stormwater best management practices (BMPs) be explored.
- [2] The Panel recommends that the internal resident-only sidewalks at Elam and Buckner be eliminated to allow for a larger semi-private outdoor space, a ground-level tenant, wider public sidewalk, and tree planting space.
- [3] The Panel advises that the promenade's cross-section be revised to allow for more semi-private outdoor residential space by reconfiguring the planter box and public promenade spaces.
- [4] The Panel recommends additional thought be given to the internal DART road frontage to allow a more generous sidewalk and tree well space by eliminating the private sidewalk.
- [5] The Panel advises exploring building to the corner of Buckner and Elam and removing/reducing the corner plaza outdoor space to enhance walkability and introduce a future retail opportunity.
- [6] The Panel recommends a sun/shade study be conducted to ensure landscape material selection can best fit the planned location and orientation (specifically in the interior courtyards as well as along Elam and Buckner frontages).
- [7] The Panel advises this development group to embrace the design opportunity for this TOD project setting the architectural standard and precedent for the area as it continues to develop.
- [8] The Panel believes there are opportunities on Buckner and Elam to include thoughtful ground level patio screening and building articulation to provide better privacy, soften the streetscape, and enhance individual and common entries.
- [9] The Panel recommends improved visual cues to make it clear the promenade entry leads to the DART station and that it balances the needs of transit riders using it as a pass-thru space, a community space, and as a space for residents.
- [10] If removal of one parking garage becomes necessary, the Panel recommends the design team explore removal of the central promenade units to accommodate a revised site plan with a larger single garage and storm water detention.
- [11] The Panel recommends the community room, leasing space, common amenity room, and corner plaza be relocated to face the DART station and/or the promenade to bring more activity to these areas.

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[12]The Panel advises internal green spaces to be allowed to visually connect to one another across the central promenade.