

# UDPRP Review Summary

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 6.23.23

TIME: 8:30am

**PROJECT: Forest / Audelia Community Park**

LOCATION: City Hall 6ES

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## Overview

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Peer Review Panel's advice for the Forest / Audelia Community Center and Park project as derived from the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Peer Review session.

## Design Recommendations Summary

- [1] The Panel advises designing a portion of the parking lot to be permeable, shaded, and able to flexibly accommodate additional programmatic events. Consider orienting the enhanced parking areas to the main entry space, or the rear of the building, to leverage the ability to expand indoor/ outdoor activities and to provide a safe area for these activities.
- [2] The Panel recommends allowing a more visible, accessible, and welcoming environment by adding more direct access points from neighboring residential communities, an enhanced sidewalk at Forest Lane, and new walkways connecting to multiple community center entry points that directly address and open up to adjacent residents.
- [3] The Panel prefers the flexibility option 2 provides in the use of the park and encourages providing additional flexibility by allowing the open play field to not be programmed for one specific use but instead serve a multitude of users and activities.
- [4] The Panel suggests the drive under the two-story building is no longer a critical need and instead the area be re-purposed to accommodate additional programmable space.
- [5] The Panel recommends focused study of the park's program by the design team with community involvement to determine how the outdoor programmed spaces may be reduced to open-up flexibility to accommodate various uses and to simplify long-term operation and maintenance.
- [6] The Panel advises careful consideration be given to the location and orientation of the soccer/ futsal field and in addition, how landscaping and other barriers can be used to prevent losing balls into traffic and the parking lot.
- [7] The Panel recommends public restrooms be provided as an integral component of the park program.
- [8] The Panel recommends relocating the quieter community center programmatic spaces towards the rear of the building and the livelier spaces closer to the front of the building and park.