

UDPRP Review Summary

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Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 01.24.20

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: The Galleria

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5ES

Overview

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Peer Review Panel's advice for The Galleria renovation as derived from the January 24th Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The Panel applauds the development team's efforts to renovate and revitalize The Galleria in order to bring new life to the mall, Midtown, and North Dallas.
- [2] Given the critical nature and scale of the proposed improvements, the Panel recommends the development team establish a long-term development master plan or phasing diagram to guide future development phases over time.
- [3] Recognizing the difficulties that exist with existing ownership, the Panel recommends that the design team further explore ways to connect the mall to the east in order to better link to the Midtown District and the new park being constructed there. Improvements should look at increasing the porosity through the mall and Macy's, enhancing connections with the office towers in the process. One suggestion is a bold new connection or entrance between One Galleria Tower and the Galleria Parkway near the proposed new park.
- [4] The Panel advises further streetscape design be given to enhancing the pedestrian connection to the north to Alpha Road through greater public realm improvements.
- [5] The panel advises the design team explore a reconfiguration of spaces on the south side of the mall, including the possible removal of the Blue Garage to create an exciting new space for redevelopment.
- [6] The Panel encourages further exploration of the proposed public realm and public spaces on the western side of the mall to give more emphasis to the pedestrian as opposed to the vehicle. This should include softening these spaces further with landscaping to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- [7] The Panel recommends the civil design team explore Low Impact Development for stormwater management to reduce the impact of the development on the site.