

UDPRP Review Summary

05.21.21

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 05.21.21

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: Trinity Strand Trail Extension and Bridge

LOCATION: WebEx Teleconference

Overview

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Peer Review Panel's advice for the Trinity Strand Trail bridge and extension as derived from the May 21st Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The Panel commends the design of the bridge and the plaza as a great new public space and connection in the Design District, commenting it is one that will further enhance the urbanity of this area.
- [2] The Panel suggests that further revision to the plaza's ivy-covered shade structures be explored to allow for shade during afternoon hours while also creating a safe and secure gathering space.
- [3] The Panel recommends the design team collaborate with other on-going developments to explore low-impact development or integrated stormwater management opportunities along Hi-Line to help mitigate smaller storm events, serve as an educational tool about the history of the old Trinity River, and serve as a part of the transition between Hi-Line and the sump itself. Use of native vegetation and earthwork design should both be considered.
- [4] The Panel advises that the design team consider ways to maximize use of the bridge for both cyclists and pedestrians.
- [5] The Panel recommends that the views down Hi-Line Drive be considered to maximize views out towards the floodway and celebrate this plaza as a focal point of the Design District through the use of signage and materiality that relates to the broader neighborhood context.
- [6] Considering the highly visible nature of the space, the Panel expresses concerns about maintenance of the space as well as the use of ivy as a shade device in the short term.
- [7] The Panel expresses concern about how the design of the project will be impacted by flooding, including the design of the arches in the sump.
- [8] The Panel suggests the design team consider a more east-west span for the bridge to shorten the bridge length and better connect to other businesses on the west side of the floodway.