City of Dallas
UDPRP Review Summary 05.30.13
Urban Design Peer Review Panel
DATE: 05.24.13

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: UTSW Proton Treatment Center

LOCATION: Dallas City Hall Room 5ES

Overview

Below is a summary of Urban Design Peer Review Panel advice for the UTSW Proton Treatment Center as derived from the May 24 Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

[1] The panel applauds the overall organization, massing and pedestrian emphasis of the master plan for the entire development.

[2] The Proton Treatment Center is architecturally handsome and deals with difficult program elements well in its architectural design.

[3] While the building is architecturally handsome, the panel expresses concern regarding the suburban quality of the proposed site layout. The building should be better integrated into pedestrian environment proposed by the area master plan.

[4] The lobby and building entrance should directly engage the pedestrian realm, de-emphasizing the motor court.

[5] Character of the proposed motor court should be more of a landscaped garden character in keeping with the pedestrian orientation of the master plan

[6] Public uses and activities such as lobby, cafeteria and play areas should be utilized to animate the public facade of the building.

[7] Consider modifying the relationship of the Proton Treatment Center's parking structure to the entrance atrium of the Children's facility to the west of the site, perhaps by pushing it further to the north.

[8] Rendered nighttime views incorporate design elements primarily oriented toward the auto and freeway presence of the building. Pedestrian level lighting and experience should also be carefully considered and incorporated into ground level facade and site elements as part of the overall master plan.

[9] Panel would like to see more detail regarding possible implementation of ISWM urban design strategies given that much of the TIF request is for infrastructure relocation and enhancements.