

UDPRP Review Summary

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 5.26.23

TIME: 8:30am

PROJECT: RedBird West-Wing

LOCATION: City Hall 6ES

Overview

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Peer Review Panel's advice for the RedBird West-Wing project as derived from the May 26th Peer Review session.

Advice Summary

- [1] The Panel notes the building façade does not compliment the outdoor space in detailing and may be challenged by its orientation the W-S-W. The Panel recommends additional thought be given to exploring how the façade could be enhanced to better respond to the open space, the users, and its orientation.
- [2] The Panel proposes the two low points in the open space be designed as bio-swales to aid in capturing water and as an example for adding green infrastructure to other sites throughout the City. Rain harvesting strategies and the use of native plantings should also be explored.
- [3] The Panel advises exploring options for shading the façade to achieve better protection from the west sun and to enhance the visual interest of the facade. The Panel recommends testing how rotating horizontal window shading devices vertically could help achieve these goals.
- [4] The Panel recommends the proposed seat wall extend along the length of the pedestrian ramp as a unique and useable design feature.
- [5] The Panel proposes the pedestrian paths be widened to comfortably accommodate the pedestrian movement the high capacity uses of RedBird will generate.
- [6] The Panel advises smaller open spaces be removed or redesigned to avoid maintenance issues in the future.
- [7] The Panel notes the main vehicular access point leading to the new west entry begins to generate a new circulation grid that terminates on the new façade. The Panel suggests adding a vertical marker on the west façade to acknowledge this new vista terminus and as a tool for adding visual interest to the façade.