

# UDPRP Review Summary

02.26.21

Urban Design Peer Review Panel

DATE: 02.26.21

TIME: 8:30am

**PROJECT: Victory DART Station Plaza**

LOCATION: WebEx Teleconference

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## Overview

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Peer Review Panel's advice for the Victory DART Station Plaza as derived from the February 26<sup>th</sup> Peer Review session.

## Advice Summary

- [1] The Panel commends this project for bringing new green space and public gathering space to the Victory Park neighborhood and applauds their design process and approach.
- [2] The Panel recommends that a better connection between the new office tower garage egress and the DART platform be provided to better frame and bound the western end of the plaza while also creating better circulation around and through the site. One solution is a continuation of the existing central pathway across the lawn.
- [3] Whether by the City or by the developer, the Panel suggests that improvements be made to the pedestrian crossing from the Plaza to the American Airlines Center to increase safety and visibility.
- [4] Acknowledging it might be beyond the scope of this project, the Panel recommends the Silver Garage work to better integrate with the main east-west pedestrian circulation of the plaza to soften and enhance user experience. One suggestion is pop-up retail spaces, awnings, shade structures, or landscaping along side this space. It is also suggested to continue the RGB lighting down the main pedestrian spine to serve as wayfinding and placemaking to better connect this site to the arena.
- [5] The Panel suggests that future connections across Stemmons Freeway from the DART station to the Design District (west side of freeway) not be precluded.
- [6] The Panel advises that additional opportunities for flexible seating, including widened staircases, be provisioned to create unique resting spaces, while also considering more opportunities for trees and shade to enhance user comfort.
- [7] The Panel suggests the main lawn space provide opportunities for a stage or pop-up structures to maximize site use and flexibility.