



## Community Planning & Economic Development

# News Release

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## City of Minneapolis Receives 14 Proposals from Landscape Architect-Led Teams to Design The Commons

**Friday, October 16, 2014 (Minneapolis, MN)** – On Wednesday, October 15, the City of Minneapolis closed its request for proposal period seeking a landscape architect-led team to design the Commons (formerly known as “The Yard”), a two-block, 4.2 acre area bounded by Park Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, and a proposed building on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Fourteen proposals were submitted to the City from a combination of local and national design firms.

“Our goal was to get numerous responses from the best and brightest, and that’s exactly what we got,” said Council Member Jacob Frey. “The premier design firms from around the country clearly recognize that downtown Minneapolis, and particularly the Commons, will be at the forefront of forward thinking urban design.”

The proposing teams are led by the following design firms (listed in no particular order):

- OJB (Office of James Burnett)
- Olin/Snow Kreilich Architects
- site design group Ltd.
- Land Collective/HWKN
- Coen + Partners/Daoust Lestage
- Stantec/Supermass Studio
- West 8/HGA
- Tom Leader Studio/SOM
- Walker Macy/Kestrel
- Hargreaves Associates/Damon Farber Associates/VJAA
- WORKSHOP Ken Smith/Perkins + Will
- Hoerr Schaudt/Rogers Partners
- Design Workshop/HKGI
- Gustafson Guthrie Nichol/Confluence/VJAA

The Commons will serve as a retreat for City and downtown residents and as a destination for the City's biggest events, including the 2018 Super Bowl and civic celebrations.

A review team composed of a variety of stakeholders will recommend a design team by mid-November. City Council approval is anticipated by the end of the year. A City staff group will be aiding in the review.

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