

Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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Downtown East Commons Concept Design to be Presented at Public Meeting

Meeting to Take Place at Minneapolis Central Library, Wednesday, May 27

WHAT: On Wednesday, May 27, 2015, the City of Minneapolis will host a public meeting at the Minneapolis Central Library to view the concept design for the Downtown East Commons.

The concept design will be presented by Hargreaves Associates, the nationally and internationally recognized landscape architecture firm the City hired to lead the project. The concept design incorporates feedback the Hargreaves design team received during public meetings that took place on February 24 and April 8, 2015, as well as through over 2,750 surveys completed at those meetings and online.

Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to talk with design and City team members to ask questions and share comments. The design team will use this feedback to further develop the design. The City plans to hold a public meeting to present design progress later this summer. For more details on the Downtown East Commons project visit the project [website](#).

WHEN: Wednesday, May 27, 2015
6:00-7:30pm (Room opens at 5:30pm)

WHERE: Pohlad Room, Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

MORE: **Downtown East Commons**
The Downtown East Commons is a two-block, 4.2-acre area bounded by Park Avenue, 4th and 5th Streets, and a proposed building on 5th Avenue South. The idea for a public green space was unveiled in May 2013 as a part of the Ryan Companies Development project now under construction in Downtown East.

The Commons will serve as a retreat for the everyday needs and wants of residents and daytime workers of Minneapolis as well as a destination for the City's biggest events, including once in a decade events such as the 2018 Super Bowl and once in a year events such as civic celebrations.

Hargreaves Associates

Hargreaves Associates creates transformative public realm projects that embody a commitment to civic vitality and creative urban solutions, balancing complex social and ecological processes in bold simple ways. With offices in San Francisco, New York, and Cambridge, Hargreaves Associates works on landscape architecture and planning projects that encompass a wide range of scales and locations, both national and international. Signature projects include Discovery Green in Houston, TX; Crissy Field in San Francisco, CA; and both the Sydney Olympic Park in Australia and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. Hargreaves Associates has received over three dozen American Society of Landscape Architecture awards and numerous international awards.

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