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Destination Medical Center's Heart of the City seeks volunteers for Public Space Design Community Advisory Committee

ROCHESTER, Minn. (February 3, 2106) –A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Heart of the City public space design is being formed in collaboration with the City of Rochester and the Destination Medical Center Corporation (DMC Corporation). This volunteer committee will assist with the planning and design for the public spaces of the Heart of the City, a sub-district of the Destination Medical Center (DMC) Development Plan at the intersection of First Street SW and First Avenue SW.

“Heart of the City will create a true center for Rochester, a cross-roads where Mayo Clinic, commercial, hospitality, retail and residential meet,” said Mayor Ardele Brede, who will co-chair the Community Advisory Committee and DMC Corporation Board Member R.T. Rybak.

The nine- to 12-member committee will consist of business and property owners, civic leaders, citizen at-large members, partner organizations, design experts, a City Council representative and a Chateau Theatre Task Force representative.

The City of Rochester and DMC are developing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ)/Request for Proposals (RFP) process to select a qualified design firm to assist with the planning and design for the public spaces of the Heart of the City. Committee responsibilities include

Committee Responsibilities/Advisory support to DMCC/City of Rochester include:

- Participation in the interview process and recommendations from the pool of qualified design firms for the RFP. Assisting in community engagement, including establishing a process to keep the adjacent property-owners updated and advised on the progress.
- Meeting with Design Team to provide input and reaction to design concepts
- Making recommendations to DMCC and City of Rochester at key project milestones
- Attending five to eight committee meetings during 2016 design process

Individuals interested in being considered should contact the Mayor's Office at 507-328-2700 or email dbussell@rochestermn.gov. Submissions are due by Monday, February 22, 2016.