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**Derby Selects Firm for Downtown Revitalization Planning**

DERBY – In January, the City of Derby issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #2015-034) seeking a multi-disciplinary consultant team to develop and steward a credible detailed development plan for the revitalization of the long dormant south side of Main Street.

“The ultimate goal of this project is to create a clear path for development - one that residents can rally behind - that best positions the City for private investment,” said Mayor Anita Dugatto.

Today, the City is proud to announce that DPZ PARTNERS has been selected for the Downtown Derby Revitalization Planning Project.

DPZ is a major leader in urban planning, having designed over 400 new and existing communities in the U.S. and internationally. Among the qualities that distinguish DPZ is their volume of built and implemented work.

“It wasn't an easy decision,” said Ted Estwan, selection committee member and Derby Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman. “The project attracted a tremendous amount of talent.”

11 firms from across the United States submitted proposals in response to the City's request. Most proposals were comprised of a team of experts including representatives from transportation, housing, environmental studies, urban planning and design, real estate, and economic/market analysis fields.

To aid in the firm selection process, Mayor Dugatto appointed a bi-partisan selection committee. The committee reviewed the proposals, rated them on criteria that reflected the project's objectives, and interviewed the top six firms to further evaluate their approach.

Carmen DiCenso, selection committee member and Derby Board of Aldermen President pointed to the value of the interview process. “Not only did the interviews allow us to ask important questions of the firms and their team members, but they also provided us with insight which ultimately strengthened our approach to the project.”

Following the interviews, the committee once again rated the firms and selected DPZ PARTNERS. The committee concluded that DPZ had the right mix of highly qualified sub-consultants and a unique approach to the project; their implementation record was likewise impressive.

DPZ is partnering with the following firms for the Downtown Derby project: Robert Orr & Associates, Gianni Longo & Associates, CDM Smith, Urban3, The Williams Group Real Estate Advisors, and Good Earth Advisors.

The City of Derby will soon enter contract negotiations with DPZ PARTNERS for the project, which is being funded by a grant from Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development.

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