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FROGTOWN FARM SELECTS DESIGNERS TO PLAN URBAN FARM ReBar to work with community to design 5-acre farm

A team of designers, led by ReBar Art and Design Studio of San Francisco, was selected to guide the process to design a farm in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul, MN. Through work by Frogtown Farm, The Trust for Public Land, the City of St. Paul, and Frogtown residents, a new 12-acre public park will be created on the former site of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. The educational and working farm will occupy 5 acres of this new 12-acre City park.

In June of 2013, the Board of Directors of Frogtown Farm circulated a Request for Qualifications for a design team to work with the Board and the neighborhood to create a landscape plan dedicated to farming. A small committee, including members of the Frogtown Farm Board of Directors and a few volunteers, narrowed the field of 19 design team applicants from around the world to three finalists that were interviewed on July 31. After three hours of interviews and almost two hours of deliberations, the committee selected ReBar Art and Design Studio to lead the Frogtown Farm design process.

ReBar is an interdisciplinary studio operating at the intersection of art, design, and ecology. ReBar creates projects that inspire people to reimagine the environment and our place in it. They produce artwork and design solutions that shape the landscape and public realm, rooted in the belief that human interaction, community, and a sense of wonder form the basis of the good life.

The process to design the farm will occur from September 2013 through January 2014. There will be several opportunities for input from our neighbors during that time. The goal is to present a final design and plan at the beginning of 2014.

The Frogtown Farm Board of Directors and the City of St. Paul will be seeking volunteers to help plan the new park and farm. There will be a committee working toward a design for the farm and another committee creating a compatible design for the park. Both committees are planning two or three jointly held public community meetings. Each design committee will then meet separately three to four times. For those interested, please contact info@frogtownfarm.org or sign up at one of several meetings to be announced.

The first meeting, sponsored by the Frogtown Farm, the City of St. Paul, and The Trust for Public Land will be a family-friendly Community Update. Please RSVP Danielle.Salus@tpl.org or 651-999-5325.

Community Update:

September 19, 2013 // 6:00-8:00 PM

Jackson Elementary School Cafeteria

437 Edmund Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103

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