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Takoma Park Announces Finalists for Redevelopment at the Takoma Junction

September 5, 2014 The City of Takoma Park is excited to announce the four finalists for redevelopment of a City owned parcel at "Takoma Junction," the intersection of Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues in Takoma Park.

The City received the proposals in response to a Request for Proposals, released January 22, 2014. The breadth and quality of the four proposals selected as finalists highlight a willingness for new stakeholders to make long term investments in a Takoma Park community burgeoning with growth and potential. The finalists are:

- The Ability Project
- Community 3 Development, LLC
- Keystar LLC and Eco Housing
- Neighborhood Development Company

The proposals for redevelopment offer a vibrant mix of commercial and residential uses, with green space, sustainable features and a multitude of public amenities. The City encouraged the development of proposals that would act as a stimulus to the commercial district and locally-owned independent businesses; improve the aesthetic appeal of the district; and be contextually sensitive and environmentally sustainable. "We are excited about the transformative possibilities for the Takoma Junction," said City Manager Brian Kenner.

The TPSS Co-op, an anchor in the commercial district and a leader in the local food movement, is included in all the finalists' proposals, with options for expansion. "The Co-op and its expansion are important to the future of the Junction," added Kenner. "Over time they have played a vital role in this community and for this important commercial corridor and we want to be supportive of them going forward."

The four finalists will make public presentations on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Residents are encouraged to attend and give input to developers, City Council and City Staff on the plans for the evolution of the Takoma Junction.

The Takoma Park City Council will have a work session to discuss the proposals on Monday, September 29. The agenda for the meeting will be available in advance on the following webpage: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas>. There will be additional opportunities for Council and public discussion of the proposals in the coming months.

More information about the solicitation of proposals is available on the City of Takoma Park's website here: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/takoma-junction-rfp>

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