

Firms To Present Ideas To Redevelop Downtown

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The search for a master developer for the most ambitious project in city history moves into the public arena next week when four firms make presentations to the Temple Terrace City Council.

Companies vying to become master developer for the downtown redevelopment project are scheduled to address the council on Wednesday or Thursday.

The schedule for the meetings at the Omar K. Lightfoot Recreation Center, 10901 N. 56th St., is:

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Temple Terrace Investments, a joint venture of The Vlass Group, of Atlanta; MJ Lant Developments, of Suwanee, Ga.; and Marketplace Advisors, of Maitland. The group is best-known for Altamonte Town Center, a 25-acre, mixed-use development near Orlando.

- 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Riverhills Temple Terrace, a joint venture of Transwestern Commercial Services, of Chicago, and Chesapeake Atlantic Holdings, of Tampa, whose projects include Glen Tower Center in Glenview, Ill.; Shadow Creek Ranch Town Center in Pearland, Texas; and Highpointe in Overland Park, Kan.

- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Pinnacle Realty Advisors, of Tampa; Ram Development Co., of Palm Beach Gardens; and Cooper Carry, of Atlanta - a joint venture with extensive experience in retail/office developments that include Highwoods Preserve in New Tampa; Orchestra Place in Detroit; and Midtown in Palm Beach Gardens, a 47-acre mixed-use project.

- 7:45 p.m. Thursday, DeBartolo Development, of Tampa, a well-known developer of shopping malls that also does extensive work with restaurants and arenas, including the St. Pete Times Forum.

The council plans to select the developer at a special meeting 7 p.m. Oct. 12, also at Lightfoot Recreation Center.

A fifth respondent to the city's request for proposals withdrew Sept. 22, saying the project is beyond the scope of the core business of the firm, A Better Place Group, of Tampa.

The selected company will replace Unicorp National Developments, of Orlando, which withdrew in July

The city intends to create a 35-acre New Urbanism-style development southeast of 56th Street and Bullard Parkway, a site to include residential, retail, office, restaurant and cultural/civic components.