Design Competition for Iconic Landmark

What: Design competition for an iconic landmark for Northwest Tulsa that will also serve as the centerpiece for a hilltop green space that enjoys views of downtown Tulsa. The hilltop can be seen from the 412 Expressway looking north between Tulsa and Sand Springs. There are no restrictions on the nature of the landmark, but previous discussions included options such as a bell tower/look-out tower, small restaurant, monument/sculpture, pagoda, or chapel. The expectation is that the structure will have a highly vertical character (going beyond the tree line) so that it will be easy to see from great distances during the day and at night.

Where: The highest hilltop on the 128 acre parcel that is located at 4305 W. Edison Street, Tulsa, OK 74217.

Why: Northwest Tulsa deserves a landmark that symbolizes its potential. The site is exceptional because it is on the most beautiful hill in that area, it has views of downtown Tulsa, and it will be incorporated into a carefully crafted neighborhood that includes a town center, a wide range of housing types and meaningful civic spaces that promote a healthy lifestyle and a strong sense of community. The landmark is important because it will serve as a focal point for the park in which it sits, the special neighborhood that surrounds it, and the entire district of Northwest Tulsa.

Who: This competition is sponsored by AIA Eastern Oklahoma, Pardee Construction, Land Legacy, Park Friends, Tulsa Community Foundation and Evolving Communities.

When: A non-mandatory presentation regarding the context surrounding the landmark will be held on November 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Evolving Communities office at 822 E. 6th Street, Tulsa, OK 74120. Site tours are available upon request. Proposals will be due by February 8, and the winners of the competition will be notified no later than February 27, 2019.

Details:

Site Information. Site photos, developer’s brochure, and other documents regarding the site are available at www.pardeeconstruction.net under “Download Plans.” You may download the “Design Competition” folder. A Dropbox account is required to access the files.

Submission Requirements. Submissions shall include: (1) a visual of the structure (illustration or model); (2) a brief synopsis of the reasoning behind your submission (to include precedents); (3) the names of everyone who contributed to the
submission; and (4) the contact information for the person(s) who provided the submission.

Submission Delivery. Submissions may be delivered to the AIA Eastern Oklahoma at 633 S. Boston Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74119 or Evolving Communities at 822 E. 6th Street, Tulsa OK 74120.

Multiple Submissions Permissible. More than one submission can be made by anyone.

Criteria for Assessment of Submissions. Submissions will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Visuals: 50%
- Synopsis/Precedents: 15%
- Alignment with Community: 15%
- Likelihood of Constructability: 10%
- Financial Feasibility: 10%

Assessment Team. The submissions will be assessed by: (1) Scott Pardee of Evolving Communities; (2) Tom Low of Civic by Design; (3) Michael Patton of Land Legacy; and (4) Mike Dodson of Tulsa Community Foundation; (5) 2 architects of the American Institute of Architects; (6) Randy Heckenkemper of Park Friends.

Awards. The Grand Prize winner will receive $2,000; the Runner Up will receive $500 and the Second Runner Up will receive $250.

Questions. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Pardee at 918.841.114 or spardee@pardeeconstruction.net.

Please note Evolving Communities will have the full use and rights for all submitted designs/proposals. Please note the prize winner and the actual structure to be installed may differ.