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Mayor Coleman Calls for Development on West Side Flats *Coleman and Thune call for community-driven process to Bridges of Saint Paul*

(Saint Paul)- Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman today called for a renewed community process for the development of the West Side Flats. At a press conference with Councilmember Dave Thune, Mayor Chris Coleman announced that the City had received communication that the JLT Group withdrew their application for a zoning request for the The Bridges of Saint Paul project on the City's West Side.

"I commend the JLT Group for acknowledging the zoning concerns and the recommendation of the City's Planning Commission. I encourage the developer to work with the community organizations and craft a solution that will be able to gain approval and expand on 20 years of successful development along the river," said Mayor Coleman. "There are a lot of development opportunities within the current zoning that would spur economic growth while still respecting the concerns of the neighborhoods and downtown businesses."

Mayor Coleman laid out expectations for development on the West Side Flats, saying that development must: 1) Limit the financial risk to taxpayers and the City; 2) Be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and; 3) Include meaningful public input from the communities affected by development on the West Side.

"The Mississippi River is the lifeblood of Saint Paul, and we all know how much it means to our unique sense of place," added Coleman. "From the Science Museum to the US Bank development, we've seen how development happens when the community is involved. As we move forward, let's make sure to continue Saint Paul's tradition of great development along the Mississippi River."

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