

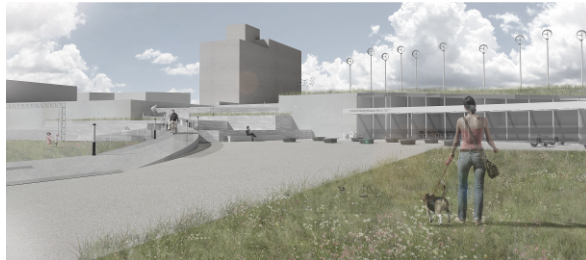


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AIA Saint Paul Announces Design Competition Results

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA – The St. Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA St. Paul) is pleased to announce that the team of **Pablo Villamil of Wold Architects & Engineers and David McKay of Strand Design** was awarded **First Place and \$1,200** for the 2014 AIA St. Paul Prize design competition.



This year's program was to create an **Outdoor Education and Community Space** on an existing site in the Midway District of St. Paul, neighboring **Gordon Parks Alternative High School** and the **High School of Recording Arts**. In a nondescript urban area surrounded by a mix of retail, warehouse, office, and parking lots, this undeveloped 2.44 acre parcel presents an opportunity for a much-needed green, park-like community gathering and education space. The site and structures would be used by local residents, students from nearby high schools, and the public at large. Along with proposed spaces for educational needs, the programming invites the surrounding community into the space for garden and outdoor activities, gatherings, and events.

The design competition was open to emerging architectural professionals that have graduated with a Masters of Architecture Degree or a Bachelors Degree with an architectural emphasis within the last seven years. First Place and \$1,200 was awarded to the team of **Pablo Villamil of Wold Architects & Engineers and David McKay of Strand Design**. Two Honorable Mentions and \$250 each were awarded to **Justin Wang, Assoc. AIA, of HGA Architects & Engineers**, and the team of **Samantha Schultz, Assoc. AIA, Meyer Group and David Booth, Assoc. AIA, LHB**.

Six submissions were received and judged in November at the Wilder Center, adjacent to the project site in St. Paul. Jury members included: Pete Keely AIA, Collage Architects; Nathan Johnson AIA, 4RM&ULA; Tom Parent, AIA, St. Paul Public Schools Facilities Director; Paul Creager, Gordon Parks High School Curriculum & Media Arts Coordinator; and Brian Larson, AIA, Larson Architects.

The winning AIA St. Paul Prize design submittals will be on display at AIA Minnesota, 275 Market Street, Suite 54, Minneapolis, in January 2015. For more information on the projects and to view images, visit <http://www.aia-mn.org/2014-st-paul-prize-design-competition/>. Contact Mary Larkin for high resolution images.

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