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## Public Workshop on Proposed Downtown Baseball Park to be held on August 25

The Nashville Civic Design Center and Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse will conduct a public workshop on the baseball park and residential/retail development proposed for the former Metro Thermal Plant site and adjacent areas on Thursday, August 25, 2005 from 12:30 – 2:15 p.m. at the Downtown Public Library at 615 Church Street. The **public is invited to participate** in the workshop, which will focus on the context and goals of the baseball park project and is intended to solicit citizen input in the development process.

The proposed ballpark and mixed-use development is a joint venture of the Nashville Sounds, owners of the AAA baseball team that will play in the proposed stadium, and Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, a Baltimore, MD-based development firm. Participating in the August 25<sup>th</sup> workshop are: President and CEO Bill Struever and Priscilla Carroll of Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Alex Washburn of W Architecture (the architectural firm designing a master plan for the project) and Glenn Yaeger, General Manager of the Nashville Sounds.

“This will be the first opportunity the general public has had to ask questions and comment on this major project on a very significant site in downtown Nashville,” notes T.K. Davis, Design Director of the Nashville Civic Design Center. “The Nashville Civic Design Center encourages public and private developers alike to seek citizen input on this type of high-impact project. The Struever Bros./Sounds team agreed this was a logical next step in their development process and suggested two public workshops, including a design workshop, the first of which will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>.”

During a recent visit to the Nashville Civic Design Center, Bill Struever, President and CEO of Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, expressed concern that momentum for the ballpark project must be intensified by greater community participation in the process. "We are looking forward to a lively and energetic dialogue with the communities and stakeholders interested in the transformation of downtown. We are certain that a public forum will promote great new ideas for creating the best designs for this unique site."

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