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Fairbourne Station Design Reflects the Nation's Best

(West Valley City, UT – August 2, 2012) On the site where mostly dilapidated rental properties were once located, Fairbourne Station in West Valley City today makes its official debut. “This 4 acre urban park is one of the most exciting examples of urban planning and city renewal in the country,” says Stephen B. Smith, FAIA, AICP, who is the principal architect of the project. “West Valley City has successfully connected the past with the future,” he said.

“When our firm, GSBS Architects was engaged to do the initial master plan for the project, we envisioned a mixed-use development which would connect city hall, the library, police station and the courthouse, as well as the new light rail stop. Today it is a reality and the future is very promising,” Smith said.

Following completion of the the master plan, in March 2011 GSBS was awarded the design contract for the project. Smith said Fairbourne Stations is a catalyst for future development by providing inviting, well-conceived open space in the city center. Currently it includes an interactive water and scale feature, ample seating and a welcoming streetscape with plaza amenities. Smith said adjacent development will be a future hotel and residential units across Lehman Avenue.

Architects: GSBS Architects

Stephen B. Smith, FAIA, AICP, Lars Erickson ASLA, Eric Stanley, ASLA

Civil Engineers: Stanley Consultants, Inc.

Mark Kopatz, James Dahl

Water Feature: Water Design

Tom Anderson

About GSBS

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