

AIA, HUD Announce Housing and Community Design Award Winners

The 2002 AIA/HUD Secretary's Award program recognized three projects as exemplary models of residential, community, and accessible housing design. The joint program, created by the AIA Center for Livable Communities and the AIA Housing Professional Interest Area in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, honored a mixed-use development in Minneapolis by BKV Group; a community center in Portland, Ore., by Clark/Kjos Architects; and apartments for low-income people with disabilities in Concord, Calif., by Mikiten Architecture.

The AIA/HUD Secretary's Award program reflects the ongoing collaboration between the Institute and the federal government to highlight the best in residential housing design and call attention to the importance of architecture in cities and communities across America.

Reference

For more information on the AIA/HUD Secretary's Award program, contact Rashidah Martin, Honors and Awards, **202-626-7563**.

Project descriptions and jurors' comments

Mixed-use/Mixed-Income Development

Project: Heritage Landing, Minneapolis

Architect: BKV Group, Minneapolis

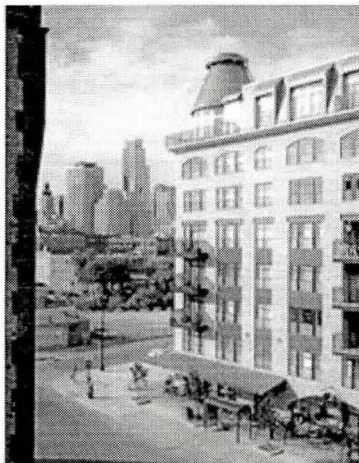
Owner/developer: Hunt Gregory Group, Minneapolis; Stuart Companies, Minneapolis

Engineers: Hanuschak WM & Associates Limited, Minneapolis; Dooby Mechanical, Inc. St. Paul; Gephart Electric, Minneapolis

Landscape architect: J. Buxell Architects

Other consultants: HTPO-Civil Consultants, Eden Prairie, Minn.

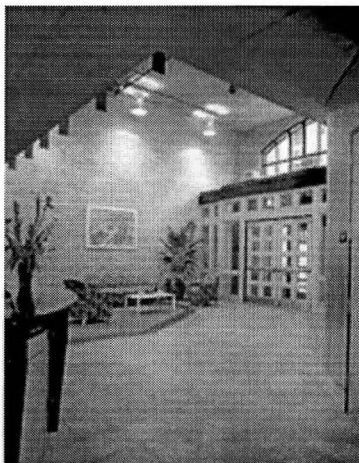
General contractor: Bor-Son Construction, Minneapolis



The jury loved this high-density, mixed-use, urban-infill project at the heart of Minneapolis' historic warehouse district, which it said offers a "pedestrian smorgasbord" in the northern city. The complex

features eight- and four-story components, which reflect the history of their origin and the character of their surroundings. It required two structural systems and the integration of a historic 19th-century battered stone wall. There is access to a pedestrian walk, and plans were made to accommodate a future city bike trail.

The jurors commented that "the canopies shelter the pedestrian walkways, create entries into this mixed-use block, and define the upper-level bay elements and other architectural detailing." They also praised the "beautiful integration of community design characteristics" and the "well-balanced mix of retail and residential space." The panel applauded the effort to integrate "warehouse type canopies and steel lintels and mansard metal roofs," as well as the historical arched window openings at street level that tie the façade together vertically.



The jury said the architects accomplished this project with an "economy of design moves, just enough to modulate the scale of the large building." It continued, "The play of materials is exuberant without being busy. Wonderful integration of retail on the street level with outdoor seating." Furthermore, the jury wrote, "interiors are colorful and joyful with a richness of materials."

Community Building by Design

Project: Outside In, Portland, Ore.

Architect: Clark/Kjos Architects, Portland

Owner/developer: Outside In

Engineer: Lewis & VanVleet, Inc., Tualatin, Ore.

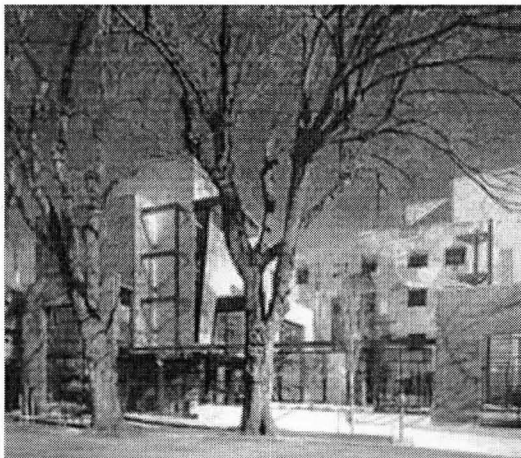
Landscape architect: Bramare, Inc., Portland

Other consultants: Czopek & Erdenberger, Portland

General contractor: Swinerton Builders, Portland

"Winner—Wow!" the jury exclaimed of this community center for at-risk youth in Portland, Ore. The jury called the venture a "vibrant urban collage" that is an "exciting design response to a confining site and sensitive program."

"The street presence is critical for a community center as a painting or mosaic of the community itself. This project, more than any civic building I've seen, exudes the



sense of this place."

The jury praised the project for its community-oriented design: "Excellent participation/involvement by both community residents and community neighbors . . . participation can be easily seen in both the functional and formal elements of the project." The jury noted that it is a "wonderful building for the kinds of social development services required by the community."

The jurors were equally enthusiastic about the design. "Strong rectangular elements in juxtaposition create a wonderful space. ... The richness of materials and fenestration are marvelous. The freeway elevation is incredibly rich!"



They also called attention to the "fantastic integration of art and architecture" and the mural wall, which gives the building a sense of spirit. "The touches of red accent coupled with the various art pieces are a real testimony to the people of this community."

Alan J. Rothman Award for Housing Accessibility

Project: Caldera Place Apartments, Concord, Calif.

Architect: Mikiten Architecture, Berkeley, Calif.

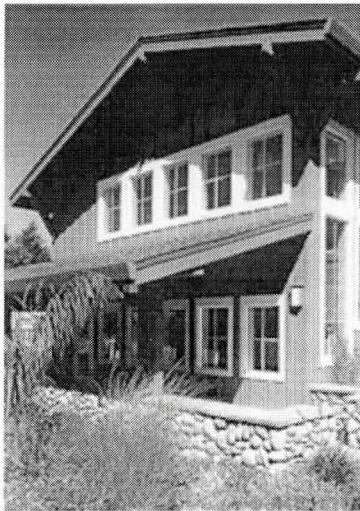
Owner/developer: Bonifacio Place, Inc.

Engineers: Degenkolb Engineers, San Francisco; David Penney Company, Alameda, Calif.

Landscape architect: Swanson & Swanson Landscape Architects, Concord, Calif.

Other consultants: Belden Incorporated, Dublin, Calif.; G.T. Kuntz, Consulting Engineer, San Leandro, Calif.

General contractor: Brown Construction, Inc., West Sacramento, Calif.



"As a wheelchair-riding architect, my goal was to create exceptional access seamlessly integrated with great design," Erick Mikiten, AIA, wrote.



The jury applauded Mikiten's efforts and the thoroughness of his presentation. "The architect demonstrated keen insight