



# Architectural Review Board

## Staff Report (ID # 13988)

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**Report Type:** Action Items **Meeting Date:** 2/3/2022

**Summary Title:** ARB Awards: Fifth Discussion (cont.from 1/20)

**Title:** ARB Awards: Consider the Eligible 11 Projects and Associated Photographs Taken by Board Members, and Decide on a List of Award Categories and Award Winners

**From:** Jonathan Lait

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the Architectural Review Board (ARB):

1. Discuss the ARB Design Awards, including possible awards categories, and timeline for awards,
2. Review photographs of eligible/completed projects, and
3. Decide on award winners

### Report Summary

The list of potential projects has been reduced to 11 locations. The goal for this meeting is to develop award categories and decide on winning projects. Each board member should come ready to the hearing with information about a handful of projects they would like to nominate.

### Background

#### ARB Bylaws

The ARB bylaws Article 8, Design Awards, sets forth the following:

- Design Awards for outstanding built projects may be awarded every five years beginning in 2005. Award-winning projects shall be selected from those reviewed by the ARB and completed since the last awards were made.
- Criteria and number of awards shall be determined by the awarding board.
- Winning projects may be displayed in the City Hall lobby for one month following the presentation of awards. The ARB shall request that the Mayor of the City of Palo Alto issue an appropriate proclamation.

#### Purpose

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The Architectural Review Board (ARB) awards were established to express appreciation for architects' efforts to help create and maintain Palo Alto's unique visual character through their creative and responsive designs of public and private spaces, which contribute to the well-being and healthy environment of our city.

#### Past ARB Awards Background

- 1998: five awards went to five projects built prior to mid-1997.
- 2005: five awards went to five projects constructed between mid-1997 and mid-2004. The eligible projects list was comprised of 70 major projects constructed prior to 2005; with criteria as follows: (1) Innovative, creative and authentic, (2) Enriches the quality of the built environment in Palo Alto, (3) Respectful of its context and the environment, (4) Well-built, well-detailed and durable.
- 2010: ten awards went to ten projects from an eligible list of over 100 projects constructed prior to 2010. The ARB determined the number of awards could be increased to ten, to include 'honorable mention' awards for a variety of projects.
- 2015: five awards went to five projects from an eligible list of over 34 projects constructed prior to 2015. The awards were presented in November 2015 and followed the same criteria set in 2005. The five main projects included the Hoover Pavilion on Quarry Road, Rinconada Library, Apple Store on University Ave, and Magical Bridge Playground; the Mitchell Park Library also received a special sustainability award, and Paris Baguette Remodel on University received a small project category award.

## **Discussion**

#### Eligible Projects Documentation and Followup

Staff suggests boardmembers review the revised list and photos that were taken to determine what projects are award winning and what categories of awards should be given out.

The ARB may also wish to consult past ARB members to assist in the selection and write-ups of award winners. Staff typically contacts the award winners with an official letter, and prepares the proclamation for Council.

#### Display of Winning Projects

The bank of televisions in the City Hall lobby will again be an option to display the winning projects, as well as the City's webpages. In previous years, a reception was held in the lobby and community meeting room of City Hall prior to the Council meeting where the awards were presented to the winning teams.

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: 2020 ARB Award Eligibility List 1-12-22 (PDF)

**2020 ARB Awards Eligibility - 1/12/22**

Projects must have completed construction to be eligible

#	File #	Address	Project Description	Short Title	Year Approved/ 2021 Status	Type	Planner	Researcher	Second Straw Poll	Initial Straw poll	Notes	Proposed Category	Architect	Notes
22	19PLN-00103	375 University Avenue	Modifications to a ex	Exterior Renovations (Cheesecake)	2019	Commercial	Emily	Peter	5	Yes	DH, ODT, PB	Storefront		good proportions, exterior façade, human scale, urban experience
15	15PLN-00129	4175 Manuela Avenue	Request by Congreg	Congregation Kol Emeth	2016	Assembly Use	Ranu	Osma	4	Yes	ODT, GL, DH,	Institutional / Sustainability		Leed Platinum
25	16PLN-00135	701 Welch	Minor Architectural	Lucile Packard Children's Hospital		Medical		Alex	4	Yes	AL, DH, GL	Institutional / Human Scale		large broken down/detailed bldg, honorable mention?
8	16PLN-00263	799 Embarcadero Road	Request by Shah K	Fire Station #3 Replacement Project	2017/Complete	Public Facility	Amy	Osma	4	Yes		Institutional / Concept		context, urban design, landscape, tree preservation, materials
17	17PLN-00147	1451 Middlefield Road	Request by Sarah V	Junior Museum and Zoo	2018/Complete	Public Facility	Amy	David	4	Yes	DH, PB, ODT	Institutional / Site Planning		street experience, site planning
13	16PLN-00190 17PLN-00225	3223-3251 Hanover Street	Allow the Constructi	R&D Building 1 & 2	2018/Complete	R&D	Graham	Grace	4	Yes	ODT, DH, GL	Commercial / Site Planning		saved trees, sustainability, site planning, concept, bike path
19	13PLN-00188	1400 Page Mill	Allow the constructi	Office	2013/Complete	R&D	Clare	Grace	3.5	Yes	AL, PB, ODT	Sustainability - Net Zero materials, concept realized		net zero by Stanford, removed trees
3	13PLN-00213	611 Cowper	Request by Ken Ha	Four story mixed use	2013/Const 2016	Mixed Use	Clare	David	3	Yes	PB, AL, DH		Ken Hayes	already got AIA award
20	14PLN-00074	1050 Page Mill Road	Request by Allison	287,000sf R&D/Office, Sand Hill Prop	2014/Const 2019	R&D	Jodie	Grace	3	Yes	AL, GL, ODT	Design Concept	Form 4	nice courtyard
21	15PLN-00237	355 University	Major Architectural	Design Within Reach (seismic/façade)	2016/Complete	Commercial	Rebecca	Peter	2	Yes	PB, DH, GL	material, urban design	Ken Hayes	seismic bonus, open basement, storefront
11	17PLN-00171	180 Hamilton Avenue	Allow for Exterior Im	Hotel / Nobu Façade Change	2017/Complete	Hotel	Samuel	David	0	Yes	PB, ODT, GL	material, exterior renovation		