



Architectural Review Board

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Summary Title: Discuss ARB Award Ceremony

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Background

Comprehensive Plan Program L6.1.1

The ARB awards program implements the 2030 Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan Program L6.1.1, which states, "Promote awards programs and other forms of public recognition for projects of architectural merit that contribute positively to the community."

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

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.

Discussion

Over the course of several hearings, the ARB reduced a list of nearly 100 eligible projects to several award winners. If members would like to review the hearings, the final discussions

happened on January 20th, February 3rd and February 17, 2022. Staff reports, minutes and videos of the Board's 2022 hearings can be found on the ARB's webpage at bit.ly/paloaltoARB

Following are the eight (8) award winning projects.

1. 1451 Middlefield Road – Junior Museum and Zoo
2. 799 Embarcadero Road - Fire Station #3 Replacement Project
3. 3223 Hanover Street – Office/R&D project
4. 4175 Manuela Avenue – Religious Assembly
5. 375 University Avenue – Retail façade renovation
6. 611 Cowper Street – New construction
7. 701 Welch Road – (Honorable Mention) Children's Hospital
8. 430 Forest Ave – (Honorable Mention) Residential

Possible Next Steps

1. Send out notices to all award winners.
2. Assigned specific addresses for which Boardmembers will create a description of why the project is receiving an ARB award. They will also work with the project architect/team to obtain professional photos of the project.
3. Determine the best time and location for an award ceremony.
 - a. Have Council recognize these projects that one of their hearings.
 - i. Hold a reception in the lobby and community meeting room of City Hall prior to a Council meeting where the awards are presented to the winning teams.
 - b. How to display winning projects
 - i. Use the bank of televisions in the City Hall lobby
 - ii. City's webpages
4. Include past ARB members
5. Other ideas?

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