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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: MAYOR'S URBAN DESIGN AWARDS**

**Awards Include New Categories: Green Design, Unique Re-use, Urban Oddities**

The Milwaukee Department of City Development is seeking nominations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Urban Design Awards. The awards are presented in an ongoing effort to recognize exceptional urban spaces that make Milwaukee a lively, engaging city.

The Mayor's Urban Design Awards program began in 1997, and continues under Mayor Tom Barrett. The 155 projects recognized to-date have included new construction, reuse, façade improvements, landscaping and even signage. Their common element is an investment made in unique and innovative design that complements Milwaukee's neighborhood tapestry and contributes to the character of their surroundings.

This year the Mayor's Urban Design Awards include new categories to reflect Mayor Tom Barrett's emphasis on green design and conversion of underused traditional Milwaukee buildings. There are also new opportunities to nominate an urban oddity or amenity that goes unrecognized but that contributes to the 'cool' factor of a neighborhood, such as the Pryor Avenue well in the Bay View neighborhood.

"Each year we want to recognize the investment and innovation of property owners and individuals in excellent urban design, for it is their attention to detail that makes Milwaukee an exciting place to attract businesses, visitors and residents," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "I invite the public to nominate a building or place that has gotten a facelift and breathed new life into their neighborhoods. This is a chance to celebrate the best in Milwaukee."

The public is invited to explore the categories and submit their picks online by visiting [www.mkedcd.org/design/](http://www.mkedcd.org/design/) **The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Previous winners have included the Ambassador Hotel (2308 W. Wisconsin Ave), the Marsupial Bridge (Beerline/Brady St. Neighborhoods), Just Jazz & Blues in Bronzeville (634 W. North Ave) and the Flying Hicca (5000 W. Vliet St.). To view a complete list, visit the DCD website: [www.mkedcd.org/mayorsurbandesignawards](http://www.mkedcd.org/mayorsurbandesignawards)

The winners will be announced in May.

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