Urbahn Medal Discussion –
AIA Public Architects Knowledge Community

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AIA Public Architects Advisory Group
Facts and Current Status

- AIA – over 80,000 members world-wide
- Public Architects Knowledge Community (PAKC):
  - > 3000 registered members
  - > 6000 involved in public architecture
- Members come from federal (DoD and civilian agencies), state, county, and local government
- Majority of PAKC comes from other levels of government
- Current make-up of Advisory Group:
  - Former Texas A&M University architect (chair)
  - HQ USACE (vice chair)
  - City of Dallas
  - University of California System
  - City of New York
Examples of Public Architecture

- Urban Planning
- Project/Program Management
State of California Court House,
San Bernardino, California
**Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities and Streetscape Beautification**

East-West Streets from SR A1A to the Broadwalk

- $16M of infrastructure improvements.
- Undergrounding of overhead utilities (COMCAST, ATT and FPL)
- New marine turtle friendly lighting.
- Newly constructed roadways with decorative pavers.
- New sidewalks with decorative concrete pavers.
- New drainage structures.
- New landscape islands with palm trees and salt tolerant understory plant material.
Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities and Streetend Beautification
East-West Streets from SR A1A to the Broadwalk

- Bike racks, ADA drinking fountains, landscape with salt and drought tolerant plant material.
- Streetend parklettes at the intersection of the street and Broadwalk.
- Pergola shade structures with IPE wood from reforested certified trees.
- Corrals for trash receptacles, recycle containers and newspaper racks.
- Pebble Mosaic designs “Craft” made from 100% recycled content.
Infill Housing  2008
EHDD
Learning and Gathering Centers

Arcadia Park Branch Library
Architect:
VAI Architects
Learning and Gathering Centers

- Park became an integral part of the design
- Design created a tranquil, stainable center for learning
- Library is a focal point in the community
- LEED Silver

Grauwyler Branch Library
Architect: Olgesby Green
Fireboat Features

- Hinged Mast
- Dry Exhaust
- Elevated Wheelhouse Sight Lines & Visible Monitors
- Crane & Basket
- Monitor Locations
- Low Rescue Platform
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Regional Laboratory,
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Questions?

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