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Durham County Main Library: 2020 AIA NC (American Institute of Architects) Honor Award, The Inaugural Freelon Public Architecture Award & NOMA (National Organization of Minority Architects) Citation (10min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: January 11, 2021

Request for Board Action:

The Board is hereby requested to recognize the Main Library Project Team for receiving the following awards:

2020 AIA NC Chapter and Section Design Awards- North Carolina Honor Award:

The AIA North Carolina Design and Chapter Awards, held on Friday, October 23rd in an online event, is a statewide awards competition recognizing design that exceeds benchmarks for outstanding architectural design, structural composition, and application of design theory. Over 100 projects were submitted to this year's program and 21 were awarded.

2020 AIA NC Chapter and Section Design Awards- The inaugural Phil Freelon Public Architecture Award: (only one project receives this in the state)

New for 2020, this award will endeavor to encourage, solicit and showcase projects in the public realm that embody the ideals Phil sought to engage with communities and the built environment. The following quote from Phil, should be used as guidance in determining the selection of the nominees.

"I have worked through my career as an architect to create environments that are uplifting, inspiring, and set the tone for sharing knowledge and facilitating cultural exchanges. You see, I believe that the built environment-buildings and landscapes - can and should contribute in a positive way to the lives of everyday people. Beautiful architecture should be accessible to all." - Phil Freelon, FAIA.

2020 NOMA Phil Freelon Professional Design Awards: Built Category Citation:

The National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) concluded their first virtual conference Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, with industry architecture awards, honoring leadership and social, economic, and environmental design, for professionals and students.

Note: The Main Library has received the following awards and recognitions:

AIA NC Design Award, Unbuilt Structures, 2018

AIA Triangle Merit award for Unbuilt structures, October 12, 2019

AIA Triangle North Carolina Honor Award, July 15, 2020

LEED Certified GOLD Facility, 2020

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The implementation of this project addresses Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan as the pursuit of a LEED Certification and the sustainable building aspects of the facility increase energy efficiency.

Resource Persons: Peri Manns, ASLA, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, Brenda Hayes-Bright, Assoc. AIA, CDT, Project Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services; Victor Vines, AIA,

Vines Architecture, Frank Jackson AIA, Vines Architecture, Robert Thomas, AIA, Vines Architecture, Jeff Schroeder AIA, Vines Architecture, Jacob Burke, AIA, Vines Architecture, Kaitlan Phelps, IIDA, Vines Architecture, Tammy Baggett-Best, Library Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize the Main Library project team for receiving the 2020 AIA NC Honor Award the Inaugural Freelon Public Architecture Award & NOMA Built Category Citation.

County Manager: _____