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Community Design Solutions

On The Boards

Above: Celebration Event

What are we up to?

Welcome to our "On the Boards" newsletter featuring a quick overview of CDS projects, events, and how we are impacting neighborhoods.

What is CDS?

Community Design Solutions (CDS) is a funded design center in SARUP that assists communities, agencies, civic groups, and campuses throughout Wisconsin. CDS provides preliminary design and planning services to underserved communities and agencies. Students from SARUP work with Director, Carolyn Esswein, clients and faculty to develop concepts that promote positive change, stimulate funding opportunities, and serve as a catalyst for continued investment.

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Latino Veterans Memorial

Client: Latino Veterans Legacy of Valor Foundation

Community Design Solutions (CDS) assisted the Latino Veterans Legacy of Valor Foundation in visioning a memorial to commemorate Latino veterans participation in U.S. conflicts. The proposed location is adjacent to the existing Vietnam Memorial, General MacArthur Statue, and the War Memorial on the Milwaukee lakefront.

which will incorporate graphic storytelling and commemorate fallen soldiers.

In addition to providing a memorial to commemorate the involvement of Latinos in the military, it was important to LVLV that the site represent their culture as a place for celebration and events for both veterans and the greater Milwaukee community.

The memorial consists of a plaza space for gathering, a raised pavilion, and a raising wall

CDS Staff: Jack Grover and Amanda Golemba



Lakefront location allows visitors to experience several memorials



Wall engages visitors with storytelling graphics and Veteran names



Opportunities for cultural art on the stairs and benches



Night view



Celebration and education of Wisconsin's Latino Veterans



Framed views from within the pavilion

MANDI FINALIST Northern Trust Navigator Award



The Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI) is celebrating its 20th year anniversary of celebrating the efforts, organizations, and people that strengthen our communities. Carolyn Esswein, Director of CDS, is being recognized for her impact and leadership as a finalist for the Navigator Award. This recognition honors Carolyn's passion and dedication to engaging all stakeholders to improve the design and character of our neighborhoods. The winner will be announced at the MANDI Ceremony on April 11th.

Safari Homes Development

Client: Safari Homes and Refuge Services

Safari Homes & Refuge Services (SHRS) envisions a housing community balanced with nature for a parcel of land located at South 27th Street and Puetz Road in the City of Franklin.

as commercial uses at the corner, could be developed to create a sense of community.

After the site planning phase, two housing concepts were developed for potential townhome layouts, a three bedroom option and a four bedroom option. Both offered views of the natural areas, shared public spaces, and modern architecture. The four bedroom option was preferred and selected.

The concept plan proposes new housing and commercial space to be developed on the land, respecting the natural conditions for minimal site interruption. After studying the various site conditions, CDS created several master plan diagrams that explored how for single family and townhome housing, as well

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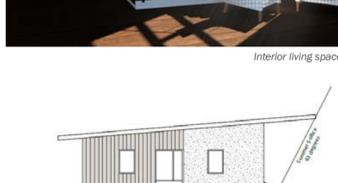
Clustering of townhomes



Interior living space



Shared trail and nature preserve



East Elevation, 100' W of 27th

Silver Spring Redevelopment

Client: Housing Authority City of Milwaukee / Travaux



Facade Enhancements along Silver Spring Drive

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee and Travaux want to continue the investment momentum along Silver Spring Drive in the Havenwoods Neighborhood. Based on client input, CDS developed facade enhancement and development concepts for vacant or underutilized parcels along Silver Spring Drive. Facade enhancements propose color, signage, murals/art, and lighting to activate the corridor and integrate it with the adjacent Westlawn Housing development.

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Cafe Redevelopment



Liquor Store Facade



Silver Spring Drive Facade Enhancement

EVENTS

WINTER FARMER'S MARKET

Mitchell Park Domes
Saturdays 8:00am to noon
until March 30

GALLERY NIGHT

January 18 & 19

IMAGINING THE MOON:

History of Lunar Visualizations
UWM Golda Meir Library
January 30 7:00pm

LISC MANDI AWARDS

April 11, 2019



Riley's Room Redevelopment

Client: Riley's Room Daycare



CDS staff worked with Riley's Room Daycare to produce a vision of how the client could rebuild into a vibrant daycare in the Sherman Park neighborhood.

As a result of a neighborhood and site visit, analysis of the current building conditions, and meetings with the client, CDS provided Riley's Room Daycare with a design that redevelops the first floor into a welcoming play area, classrooms, eating area, and offices. The design concept also includes minor facade improvements, an outdoor play area, and adjacent parking lot.

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Uptown Crossing Charette

Client: City of Milwaukee and Uptown Crossing BID

CDS's tenth Community Design and Development Charette focused on how to transform the Uptown Crossing BID. CDS staff revisited various strategic action plan recommendations, researched neighborhood demographics and history, examined business diversity and needs, and conducted focus groups to gather input from various stakeholders. The day long charette, held at UW-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning in early September 2018 included six local architectural firms: Engberg Anderson, Galbraith Carnahan, HGA, In.Studio, Quorum, and Smithgroup. The teams generated ideas for the various sites based on stakeholder input, including: flexible multi-tenant business and incubator spaces, mixed-use residential, new US Bank location, streetscaping and public plazas, neighborhood grocery, and a variety of placemaking strategies.



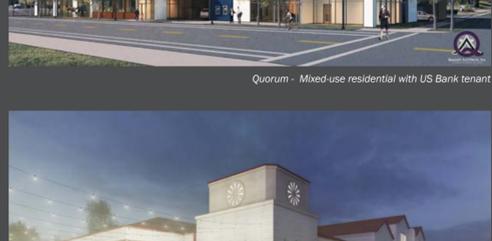
Smithgroup - Streetscaping, parking and park activation



Quorum - Mixed-use residential with US Bank tenant



In.Studio - Adaptive reuse as incubator and retail



HGA - Adaptive reuse as flexible multi-tenant business/commercial



Galbraith Carnahan - Mixed-Use development



Engberg Anderson - Residential and neighborhood grocery with public plazas and gardens