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**CITY OF CHARLESTON AWARD FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

The City of Charleston announces the winners of the third annual “*The City of Charleston Award for Design Excellence.*” These awards will be presented by Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. and the City’s Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability (PP&S) at a reception and ceremony honoring the award recipients during National Design Week **on October 17 at 6 PM in the Spoleto Festival Headquarters at 14 George Street.**

Each year there are buildings and spaces designed and built in Charleston that are of great quality and contribute to the streets and neighborhoods in the city. Although there are many buildings and places that are very successful and worthy of recognition, these annual awards are reserved for places that specifically contribute to Charleston in a manner most thoroughly in keeping with the city’s high expectations for quality architecture and design. These awards honor buildings and places that the committee believes are of the highest caliber and would be recognized as such worldwide.

A committee within the Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability along with Mayor Riley selected the winners from among projects completed in the recent past. Mayor Riley said, “We look forward to recognizing those projects which are outstanding examples of the standards and aspirations for architecture and design in our city.”

Awards are being given in three categories this year:

- **“Buildings Within the Historic Districts”** includes buildings of any scale and style that are located within a locally designated historic district and are subject to approval by the Board of Architectural Review. The winner in this category is:
  1. The Rhodes/McAlister Building at 349 King St.
- **“Public Realm Projects”** recognize parks, streets and other shared spaces. The winner in this category is:
  1. The Septima Clark Parkway Improvements
- **“Buildings Outside the Historic Districts”** includes buildings of any scale and style that are located outside of locally designated historic districts. The winner in this category is:
  1. Charleston ENT Clinic & Headquarters , 2295 Henry Tecklenburg Dr  
Charleston, SC

Dennis Dowd, R.A., City Architect said, "Our goal with these awards is to encourage the highest level of quality for new construction and design, and to inspire everyone involved in creating new places to strive for design excellence."

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