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JONATHAN BARNES FAIA NCARB LEED AP



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Jonathan Barnes, FAIA, is an innovative community activist architect. He dramatically changes communities through transformative design, adaptive preservation, social entrepreneurship, and interdisciplinary leadership.

Barnes creates new models for thriving communities and new interpretations of design in the public realm through innovative, high quality and widely awarded design. He creates platforms for public debate and engages in critical community development issues, always striving for transformational progress toward beautiful, functional, diverse, and equitable neighborhoods.

Barnes advances the national debate on the role of new architectural interventions historic environments. He eschews the trend of historical replication in favor of a conscious contrast of new and old in social, technological, and aesthetic terms. He challenges the sanctity of historic architecture and, indeed, its definition with his use of “parabuilding” to reimagine and reactivate historic structures and their communities. He continues to evolve this global trend through his award winning built work, writing, and advocacy.

Barnes has pioneered an entrepreneurial housing initiative through his non-profit organization, Betterhood. The program presents a paradigm shift in affordable housing and social and financial entrepreneurship through real estate ownership, a landlord education program, and new, high-quality, rental housing. Nationally, he influences urban development and the affordable housing market through his writing and public presentations. Directly engaging with non-profit organizations, he helps achieve their goals through project-based initiatives.

Barnes’s professional reach extends beyond his architectural practice. He engages with students and professionals within a broad range of land use disciplines, sharing best practices and impacting communities nationally. With his extensive knowledge of and experience with the real estate development process, he brings together the architecture and development communities across the country, initiating and generating development projects that focus on community connections and equitable public space. With his simultaneous leadership in AIA and Urban Land Institute at the local and national levels, he connects the goals, initiatives and interests of both organizations.

Barnes focuses his professional practice, his civic leadership, and his governance of the AIA and ULI organizations to transform communities, creating sustainable urban neighborhoods that are diverse and progressive, with equal opportunity for their residents.

1.0 Letters of Nomination

AIA Component Letter

June 16, 2025

AIA Ohio

Attn: AIA Ohio Awards Committee
400 W. Wilson Bridge Road, Ste 120

Worthington, OH 43085

Dear Awards Committee,

On behalf of AIA Columbus, I am honored to nominate Jonathan Barnes, FAIA, for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award. Jonathan’s body of work represents a rare and powerful combination of design excellence, community impact, and thought leadership that has contributed significantly to the architectural landscape in Ohio.

Jonathan has reshaped the conversation around how architecture can elevate communities. His projects are not only award-winning—they are catalytic. From transformative civic spaces like the Whitehall and Reynoldsburg libraries to his thoughtful work in adaptive preservation and parabuilding, Jonathan consistently demonstrates how architecture can respond meaningfully to its context and users.

Beyond his built work, Jonathan’s nonprofit, Betterhood, exemplifies the values of social entrepreneurship and equity in the built environment. Through this initiative, he introduces new models of affordable housing and resident-driven development—concrete steps toward more just and inclusive communities.

As a former AIA Columbus President, founder of programs like The Weight of Architecture, and a longtime AIA and ULI leader, Jonathan has also devoted himself to mentoring emerging professionals and connecting architects with broader civic and planning communities.

Jonathan Barnes demonstrates the lasting value of design paired with leadership and service. AIA Columbus is pleased to support his nomination for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal.

Graciously submitted,

Hannah Ewvaraye

Hannah Ewvaraye, AIA
AIA Columbus President
2025

AIA Member Letter

RUTH M. GLESS, FAIA Emeritus
41 East Lincoln Street
Columbus OH 43215

11 June 2025

AIA Ohio - the 2025 Awards Committee
400 Wilson Bridge Road
Worthington OH 43085

Re: Nomination of Jonathan Barnes, FAIA
2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal

Dear Committee Members,

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to nominate Jonathan Barnes, FAIA for the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal. I have known Jon Barnes for 25 years, and I have witnessed first-hand his DESIGN abilities, his respect for urban contexts, his LEADERSHIP in service to AIA and the Urban Land Institute, and his generosity in SERVICE to his community.

As his work demonstrates, Jon Barnes is by far one of the very best architectural designers in the region. Under his leadership, his firm was awarded thirty-seven design awards, at all levels, Local and State Chapters, and National. His work is highly conceptual, impeccably detailed, and always conscious of its urban context. Of note are his parabuilding projects, which transform existing buildings for new uses while keeping intact an original structure and its place in the city. Of all his amazing projects, note Barnes’s reenvisioning of Jorgensen Farms. He has transformed a historic working organic farm into an elegant pastoral event venue. The crowning glory of this project is the new event “barn”, a modern timber structure which recalls its agrarian heritage. It is rough yet smooth, rustic yet refined, simple yet elegant.

Barnes’s contributions to the community and to the profession are pointed and impactful. Beyond his practice he engages with many non-profits, paving the way for professionals and students to bring good design to those entities through project-based initiatives. Barnes founded the Columbus chapter of the Urban Land Institute, creating opportunities for cross disciplinary conversation and a focus on urban conditions and opportunities. For AIA Columbus and the Center for Architecture and Design Jon has proved to be an exemplary leader, and he has been a generous, integral, and inciteful member of the Columbus Fellows Committee, providing valuable feedback to our candidates.

Finally, “Betterhood”, a Barnes invention. Betterhood brings together design with social and economic amelioration in challenged neighborhoods. It is NOT gentrification. Betterhood projects provide quality, well-designed housing, equity, and opportunity for residents to own their own houses, landlord education, and the possibility of renting to a tenant—a dream come true. Jon’s invention is the perfect marriage of great design and social entrepreneurship.

For these reasons—Barnes’ exemplary design, leadership, and contributions to the community that only an architect can produce, I can say unequivocally, that nobody deserves the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal more than Jonathan Barnes, FAIA.

Respectfully,

Ruth M. Gless

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Transformative Design

Whitehall Library | The New Library Paradigm

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2015

“The Columbus Metropolitan Library Whitehall Branch has quickly become a point of pride for the city of Whitehall. The project has shaped subsequent library projects in the Columbus Metropolitan Library 2020 Vision Plan building program and has become a catalytic force for the entire community.”

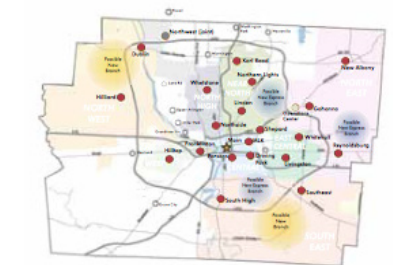
Patrick Losinski, CEO of Columbus Metropolitan Library

AIA / ALA Library Building Award
AIA Ohio – Honor Award
AIA Columbus – Merit Award

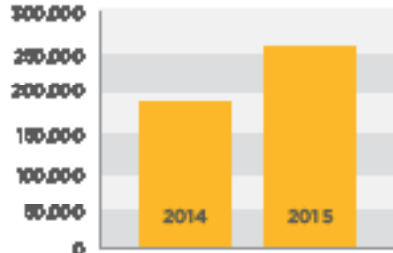
Challenge
Create a next generation public library to serve as a valuable, collective community resource.

Outcome
Barnes developed a library that engages the residents of an ethnically diverse and economically challenged neighborhood, supporting their pursuit of early education, lifelong learning, and a sense of community. In an open, transparent, and communal environment, the Whitehall library has become a vital community center and a technological portal to information and learning, integrating programs in early childhood reading, homework help for teens, higher education classes, and life skills for adults.

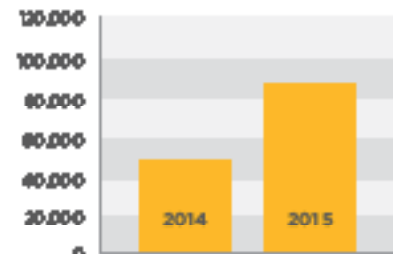
- Impact
- Regarded as a model for Vision 2020, a 10-project, aspirational library building program of the Columbus Metropolitan Library system.
 - Stands as a community place of pride and congregation.
 - Precipitated a 40% increase in visits, a 60% increase in computer usage and a 50% increase in materials circulation over the previous library.



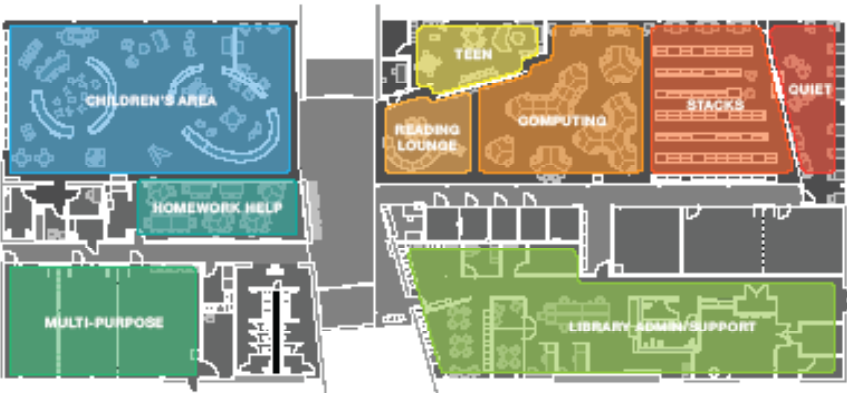
“Columbus Metropolitan Library is in the midst of an aspirational building plan to rebuild or renovate 10 branches most in need of transformation. With nearly \$100 million worth of projects in the planning phase, CML has embarked on one of the largest capital improvement programs in its history.”



“Customer visits have increased by almost 40% when compared to the same time last year.”



“We’ve seen a jump in the number of computer sessions – over 70%. One in three customer visits involve a public computer being accessed (up from one in four in 2014).”



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Transformative Design

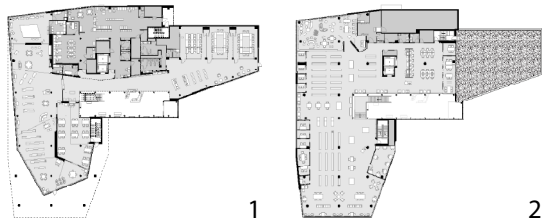
Reynoldsburg Library | The Public House

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2024

“This is an example of a public library of the 21st century, They used to be a home for books; now they’re a home for people. We want you to stick around....I think it’s absolutely jaw-dropping.”

Ben Zenitsky, Columbus Metropolitan Library

AIA Ohio – Merit Award



Challenge
Manifest the critical role of the public library as a place for learning, achieving, and convening through the creation of a world-class, iconic building with a focus on access, equality and inspirational design.

Outcome
Barnes created the new Reynoldsburg Library as an open and welcoming environment with inspiring spaces both inside and out, for the Reynoldsburg community to gather, and a grand, civic scale that represents the city’s value and self-worth. With a strong street presence and permeable massing, the structure embraces a public plaza as a stage for programmed events and casual encounters .

Cohort-specific interior spaces support specialized activities for young readers, teens and adults and are separately identified but interconnected for easy access. Transparent exterior envelope provides expansive views of the natural surroundings and abundant daylight.

- Impact
- Defines a new level of civic pride for a diverse and historic neighborhood as part of Vision 2020, a 20-project, aspirational library building program for the Columbus Metropolitan Library system.
 - Has become a place of pride and community life.
 - Redefines an important Reynoldsburg corridor with a strong urban presence and improved access to nature.



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Transformative Design

Jorgensen Farms | Modern Agrarian Aesthetic

Role	Design Principal	Challenge
Firm	JBAD	Expand a historic, 100-acre working organic farm and event venue with an assembly of buildings linked through a processional path and a modern interpretation of an agrarian aesthetic true to the nature of the farm.
Date	2023	
“Simple, elegant execution. Clear and lyrical, plus grounded in nature. Excellent spaces for both active and quiet gatherings of all kinds. Jorgensen Farms thoughtfully manipulated more traditional agrarian spaces and typologies to create well executed and memorable architecture.” AIA Awards Jury		
AIA Ohio – Honor Award AIA Columbus – Honor Award		
Outcome		Barnes created a new ceremony building defined by a heavy timber structure with a minimalist, layered pattern expressed on the facade and custom trusses inspired by traditional farm implements. A historic barn was renovated with new, modern materials, lighting and details. The collection of structures and outdoor spaces, old and new, were linked through a processional path that engages the natural environment in order to emphasize a sense of place and the immediacy of the agriculture.
Impact		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The farm’s event venues were significantly expanded with increased functionality.• Buildings and landscapes were reimaged with a unifying modern, minimalist and authentic aesthetic.• The farm produces much of the food and flowers for the events on site and recycles much of the waste, creating a sustainable, semi-closed circle of production and consumption. Produce is also supplied to area restaurants and food kitchens.



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Transformative Design

Ohio State Bank | Modern Gateway

Role	Design Principal	Challenge
Firm	JBAD	Create an iconic headquarters for a new retail bank as a gateway to a historic city and a terminus to its small-scale commercial corridor.
Date	2021	
“...a very near resolute design at all three major metrics important to architecture: the scale of the site/context, the building and the details. The architect showed restraint, diligence, and rigor in addressing the design and façade detailing for a project that has four public facades. This is an accomplished project demonstrating skill in aligning interior and exterior design concept on a commercial office project; not just a box with interior fit-out having no relationship to the exterior. The exterior fenestration and detailing represent significant attention to detail that meets and exceeds our expectations in the profession.” AIA Awards Jury		
AIA Columbus – Honor Award		
Outcome		Barnes presents a modern interpretation of traditional small-scale, stand-alone branch bank typology. The bank enlivens the urban street corner with highly transparent facades that open the two-story banking lobby directly to the street, expressing the contemporary model of the retail banking business as an accessible and transparent community resource.
Impact		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bank has become an iconic, modern gateway is emblematic of the progressive nature of the community.• Maximizes the capacity of the site and expands and reinforces the highly walkable, community-scaled, commercial corridor with both vehicular and pedestrian access and adjacent to city bus lines.• Environmentally responsible through direct collaboration with the Rivers Unlimited to protect aquatic animal and plant life and maintain water quality of the adjacent Alum Creek waterway during construction and after occupancy. Disturbance of existing landscape along the waterway was minimized. The site was the subject of a Clean Ohio Fund brownfield revitalization project in order to remedy environmentally hazardous soils from a previous use.



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Adaptive Preservation

[View on Grant](#) | [Parabuilding as Densifier](#)

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2017

Challenge

Repurpose and reimagine a historic warehouse structure for mixed residential and commercial uses and expand its capacity through the use of the parabuilding design concept.

Outcome

Barnes created an iconic parabuilding project with the addition of 3 floors cantilevered above the existing concrete and masonry structure to provide 86 apartments and a ground floor cafe. The project utilizes a semi-automatic parking system on the ground floor - an innovative and critical solution that balances the needs for density and mobility.

Impact

- Reuses a vacant structure as housing to help meet a critical housing shortage in Columbus
- Creates an iconic example of historic adaptive preservation
- Reinvigorates an important urban corner with residents and cafe customers in the context of an adjacent urban community college and city ballet company.

"Another successful project that ties the old and the new. Such a strong addition to the downtown skyline we especially appreciated the clean cut addition to the existing warehouse. The thoughtful hospitality spaces were also noted. Signs of active life throughout upstairs found nicely courtyard color to separate old and new."

AIA Awards Jury

AIA Columbus – Honor Award

Parabuilding

An addition or alteration to an existing building that transforms the essential character of the original structure.



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Adaptive Preservation

[@ 150 N. Third](#) | [Parabuilding & Equitable Public Space](#)

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2020

Challenge

Adapt a vacant urban warehouse and surface parking lot as a mixed-use residential and commercial retail project and create valuable social spaces for tenants and the public.

Outcome

New apartments were created through a warehouse conversion and the addition of its parabuilding, a "ghost replica", and shared amenities created with an open interior lounge, a vertical exterior alley and an elevated deck conceived as an extension of the streetscape, blurring the typical boundary between public space and private space and extending the public realm into the site.

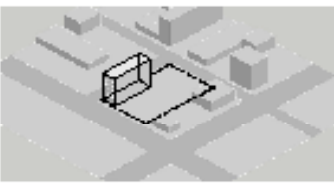
Impact

- Reuses a vacant structure as housing to help meet a critical housing shortage in Columbus
- Creates an iconic example of historic adaptive preservation
- Creates a precedent for POPOS (privately owned public open space) that is helping to shift the conventional attitude about territorial space in cities to be more open, inclusive and equitable.

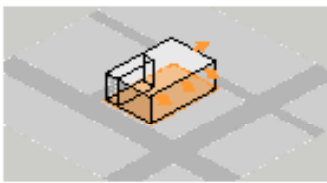
"We appreciate the respect given to the old existing structure through the architect's light touch and minimal alteration of the exterior in its repurposed use. The design team's decision to honor the character of the existing building by mimicking its height and width in the new structure while taking the opposite stance in the new building's elevation strategy helped bring a modern flavor to the project as a whole. The jury appreciated the intent and execution of extending public space into the site and offering amenities to community members. The jury was impressed with the quality of design given the extremely low budget."

AIA Awards Jury

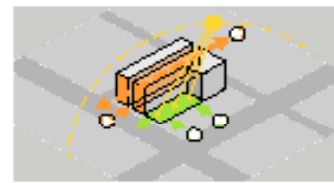
AIA Columbus – Merit Award



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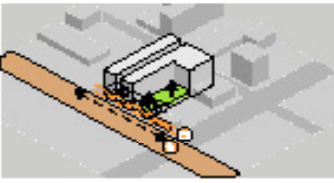
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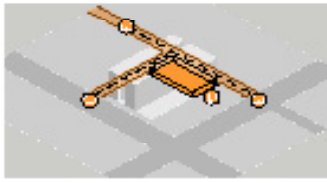
COPY BANDS AND
DEFINE AMENITY SPACE
OPEN FOR LIGHT & AIR



SEMI-PUBLIC SPACE CONNECTION



AMENITY SPACE & ENGAGE STREET



ACCESSIBILITY



FINAL



PRIVATE COMMONS

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Adaptive Preservation

Cunz Hall | Parabuilding as Campus Connector

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2011

“The Cunz Hall renovation successfully transforms a gritty, but durable, Brutalist structure into a welcoming and easy-to-navigate building.”
AIA Awards Jury

AIA Columbus – Honor Award

Challenge

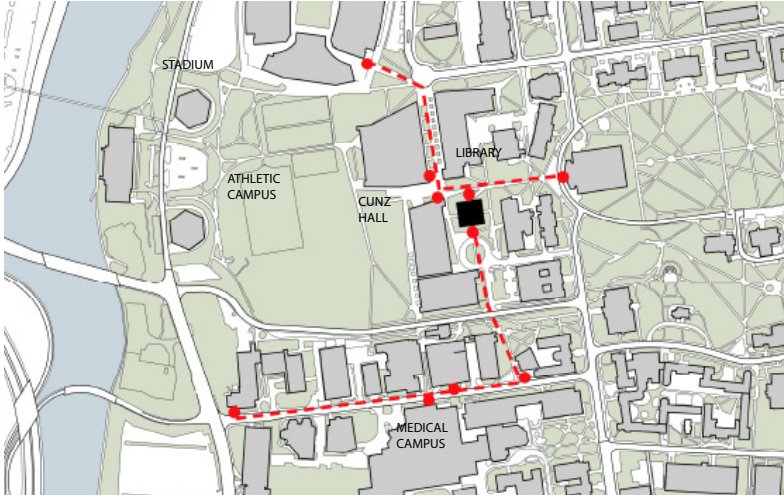
Create a unified university neighborhood by reconnecting an isolated academic building to the heart of The Ohio State University campus. Make it the home of the College of Public Health.

Outcome

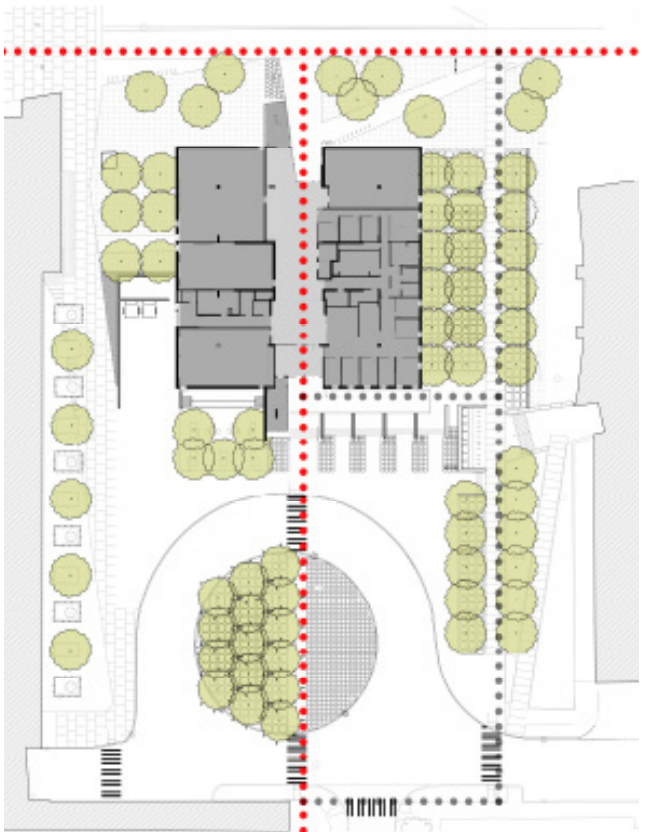
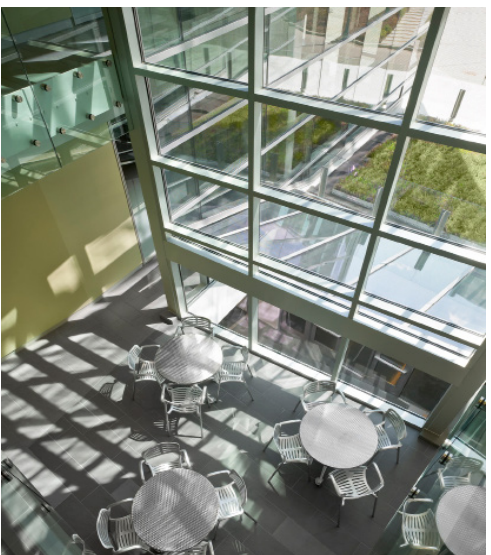
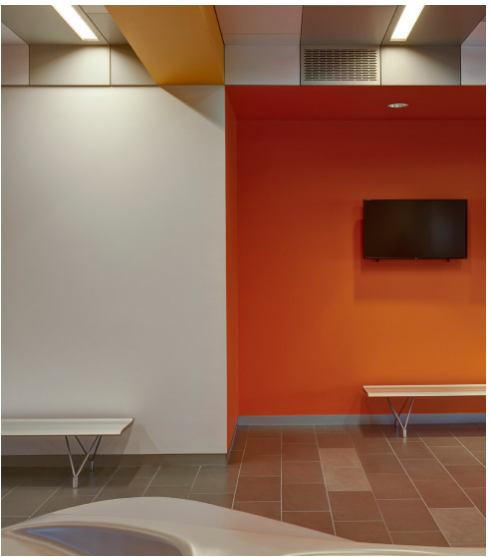
Barnes employed the parabuilding approach expertly and effectively preserving the iconic Brutalist architecture and contrasting with his bold contemporary interventions, creating a new image for the building and for the university. A new interior concourse and entries establishes critical connections to the campus, directly linking the college to the medical school and the academic and recreational centers of the campus.

Impact

- Reconnects an important campus node to its surrounding campus-wide mobility network.
- Creates an effective role for the building as a critical link between the medical school and the central academic and athletic campus.
- Preserves an example of an important historic architectural style by successfully integrating historic architecture with contemporary interventions.



Ohio State University Campus Pedestrian Mobility Diagram



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Adaptive Preservation

The Brunson Building Lofts | Parabuilding as Development Catalyst

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2006

“The Brunson Building project demonstrates the value of central-city living and serves to ensure the continued vibrancy of downtown Columbus. Complementary modern design meets great design of the past.”
Randy Black, City of Columbus
Chief Historic Preservation Officer

AIA Ohio – Honor Award
American Architecture Award
James B Recchi Design Award
Finalist

Challenge

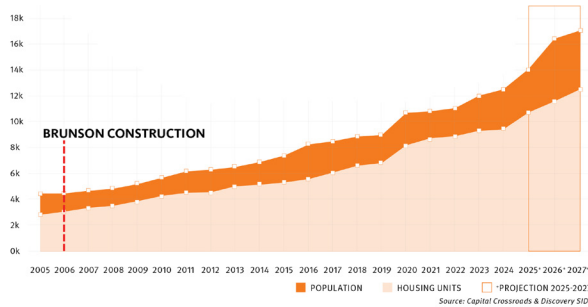
Renovate and expand a historic Chicago Style office building as the first large scale downtown residential project in the Columbus core.

Outcome

Barnes employed the concept of parabuilding and its catalytic development potential to create an iconic addition, preserving historically and culturally significant architecture and integrating a contemporary full height addition.

Impact

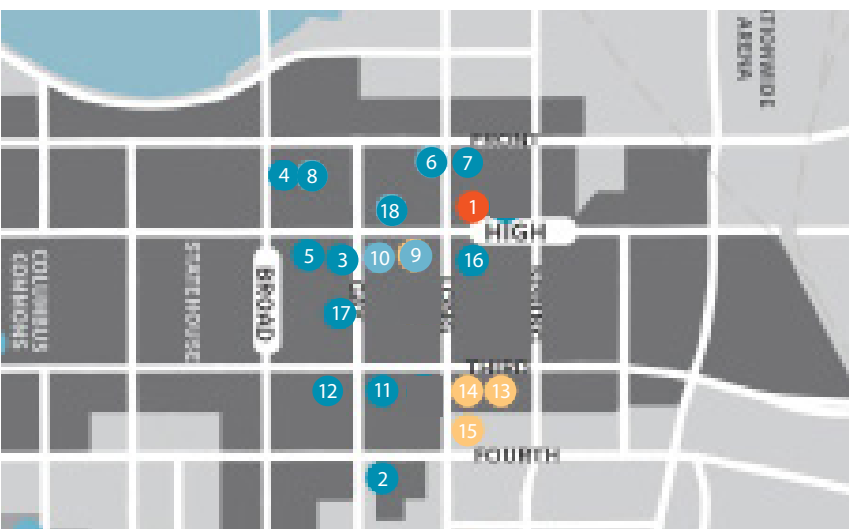
- Created first major residential development in the city's urban core in nearly 20 years as part of a robust urban residential development cycle of over \$2 billion of investment that doubled the residential population in the downtown.
- Preserves a long-vacant historic office building.
- Created a hybrid aesthetic contrasting the historic architecture with a contemporary interpretation.



Downtown Residents and Housing Units 2005-2027 (includes projections)
(Source: Downtown SID, Capital Crossroads SID)



Current Mixed-use Residential Construction



Jonathan Barnes Project Completed Under Construction

- 1 Brunson Building
- 2 Neighborhood Launch
- 3 Citizens Building
- 4 The Leveque Tower
- 5 85-11 N. High St.
- 6 Long & Front
- 7 YWCA Renovation
- 8 LVQ Apartments
- 9 90 N. High
- 10 1-11 E. Gay St.
- 11 Carlyle's Watch
- 12 Connections Lofts
- 13 150 N. Third St.
- 14 116 E. Long St.
- 15 134 E. Long St.
- 16 Atlas Building
- 17 51 E. Gay St.
- 18 44 N. High St.



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Adaptive Preservation

The Hartman Building | Parabuilding as Urban Stimulus

Role Design Principal
Firm JBAD
Date 2002

AIA Columbus – Merit Award

Urban Land Magazine
“Merging Old and New”

Challenge
Ignite a rejuvenation of a downtown neighborhood and preserve historic architecture through a contemporary transformation.

Outcome
Mr. Barnes introduced the parabuilding concept to Columbus by creating a new image for an iconic building while restoring its historical Neoclassical presence. He led the 21st Century Columbus downtown renaissance with the Hartman Building renovation.

Impact

- Initiated the resurrection of an empty and unsafe downtown neighborhood into a prosperous commercial office hub and vibrant and popular retail scene with 18-hour activity.
- Spurred \$250 million of mixed use construction with more than 10 building renovations, 20 new businesses and 70 new residential units within 2 blocks.
- Preserved an important historic structure and gave it new life and relevance.



Columbus Commons Festival



Fourth Street Retail



Main Street Retail

- 1 The Hartman Building
- 2 Millennial Tower
- 3 255 S. High St.
- 4 Lifestyles Mattan Block
- 5 Lifestyles Trautman Block
- 6 Mercantile Building
- 7 Two25 Commons
- 8 Lifestyles Beatty Block
- 9 5th & Main
- 10 Zettler Building
- 11 The Julian
- 12 250 S. High St.
- 13 303 S. Front St.
- 14 223 E. Town St.
- 15 The Stoddard Block



Fourth Street



Surrounding New Businesses



Halo Effect Development

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Adaptive Preservation

Expert Testimony | Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits

Role Expert Witness
Firm JBAD
Date 2024

Mr. Barnes was engaged by the law firm of Agostino & Assoc. PC as an expert witness to provide testimony for the Defendant in federal tax court in Del Monte LLC, Dev X Investment 2015, Tax Matters Partner Et Al, v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, a law suit brought by the IRS against developers proposing to access federal historic preservation tax credits.

Outcome
Using his extensive experience with successful adaptive reuse projects, Barnes testified to the critical role of the federal historic preservation tax credit program in saving valuable historic architecture in urban neighborhoods and helping to make adaptive reuse projects economically feasible.

- Impact
- Sets legal precedent to allow the historic preservation tax credits to be used as intended.
 - Helps to preserve important architectural history and the health and viability of historic residential and commercial neighborhoods.
 - Helps revitalize and repurpose existing, often abandoned structures, creating new economic benefits.



Continental Downtown Properties, LLC
Del Monte LLC

Expert Report of Charles T. Brigden, MAI
Appraisal Review Report: Preservation Easement
of two Kernen Appraisals of the Empire Building and the Del Monte Building, both located in downtown Columbus, Ohio

The non-existing, hypothetical buildings appraised by Kernen

The actual Del Monte Building built in 1902

The actual Empire building built in 1924

JLL Valuation & Advisory Services, LLC
January 2024

UNITED STATES TAX COURT

DEL MONTE LLC,
DEV X INVESTMENT 2015, LLC,
TAX MATTERS PARTNER, ET AL. v. COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE,

Petitioners,
v.
Respondent.

Docket Nos. 3411-21
6084-21

DECLARATION OF JONATHAN BARNES

I, Jonathan Barnes, declare:

- I am a licensed architect in the State of Ohio and the Principal of Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design ("JBAD"), an architectural design firm based in Columbus, Ohio since 1993. JBAD's work includes residential, commercial and institutional architecture, historic preservation, interior design, furniture design, and retail design. I have over 15 years of experience in architectural design and planning.
- As Principal of JBAD, I oversee and assist in the technical and creative design development of our new construction and renovation projects.

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Social Entrepreneurship

Role Founder, Betterhood

Date 2015 - Present

“Even as technology innovation has transformed many industries, residential design and construction has remained attached to decades-old business models. That is starting to change, with potentially large implications. Join a discussion with some of the innovators starting to disrupt the industry – with a strategic focus on housing affordability.”

ULI Housing Opportunity 2017 Conference presentation on Innovations in Affordable Design and Construction

Betterhood | Entrepreneurial Housing Concept

Challenge

Improve economically distressed communities through quality housing and social entrepreneurship.

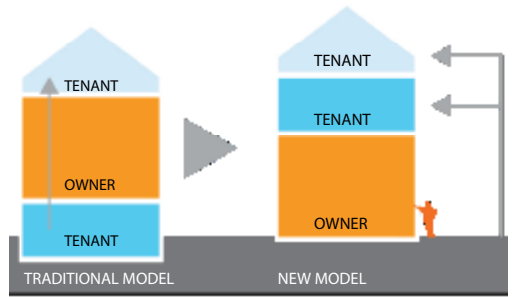
Outcome

Entrepreneurial Housing creates a paradigm shift in affordable housing and social and financial entrepreneurship. This concept targets the problem of absentee landlords and substandard housing in economically challenged neighborhoods with an inside out solution by creating resident landlords with a vested interest in their communities rather than by policing the offenders. This is achieved through real estate ownership, a landlord education program and new, high-quality, rental housing.

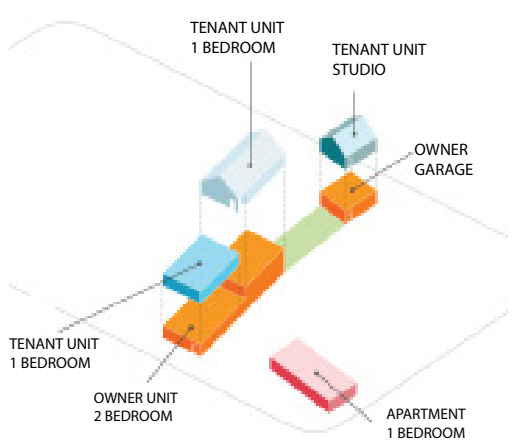
This new way of thinking replaces traditional large-scale neighborhood gentrification with a scalable infill approach that gives residents a profit and equity position with potential impact nationwide. The design consists of a “landlord residence” with income producing apartments attached.

Impact

- Leverages design practice to improve economically challenged urban neighborhoods.
- Creates innovative design for quality urban housing to remedy critical problem of substandard, absentee landlord housing.
- Provides equity and opportunity for residents through a social entrepreneurship program and real estate investment.



Owner / Rental Model Reinterpretation



Component Assembly



Potential Site 1



Potenti Site 2



2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Social Entrepreneurship

Role Design Principal

Firm JBAD

Date 2024

The Bronzeville | Entrepreneurial Housing Prototype

Challenge

Create a first propotype Entrepreneurial Housing project in an economically transitional urban neighborhood.

Outcome

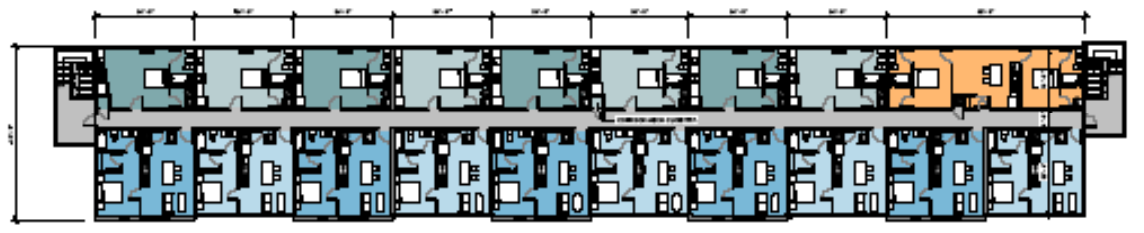
The Bronzeville apartments converts a vacant property in a residential neighborhood of the Near East Side of Columbus to a 48-unit apartment community based upon the Entrepreneurial Housing concept and provides opportunities for neighborhood residents to own and manage real estate.

The building form and architecture are compatible with the scale of the residential neighborhood with streetfacing entries, masonry facades and a community room available for neighborhood functions.

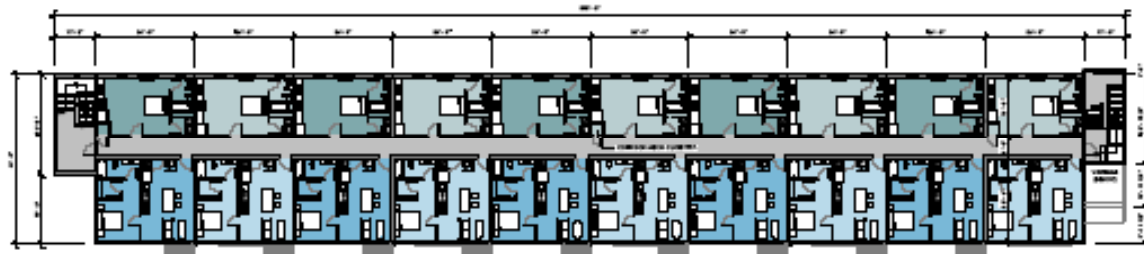
Built initially as a conventional apartment building, the hybrid-ownership Entrepreneurial Housing model will be implemented on a by-demand, unit by unit basis,

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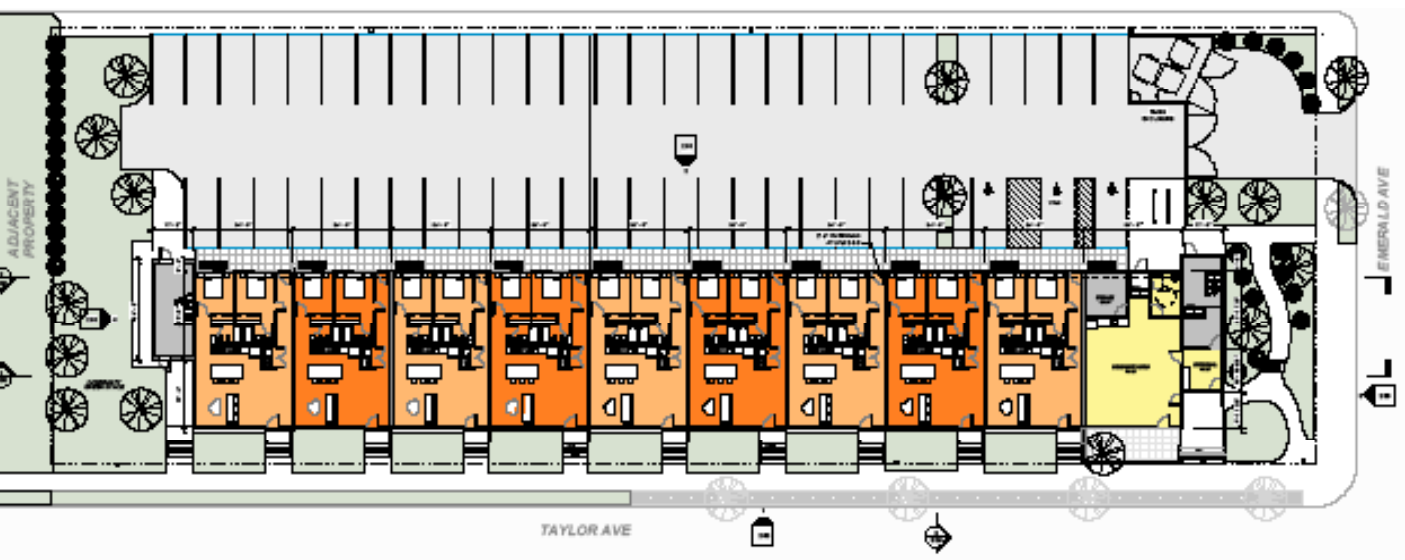
- Provides new, quality affordable housing to a neighborhood in need and a city with a housing crisis.
- Brings equitable real estate investment opportunities to a historically disadvantaged community.
- Helps define and activate a street edge with an infill housing project that creates a development and architectural example for similar nearby properties.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SITE PLAN

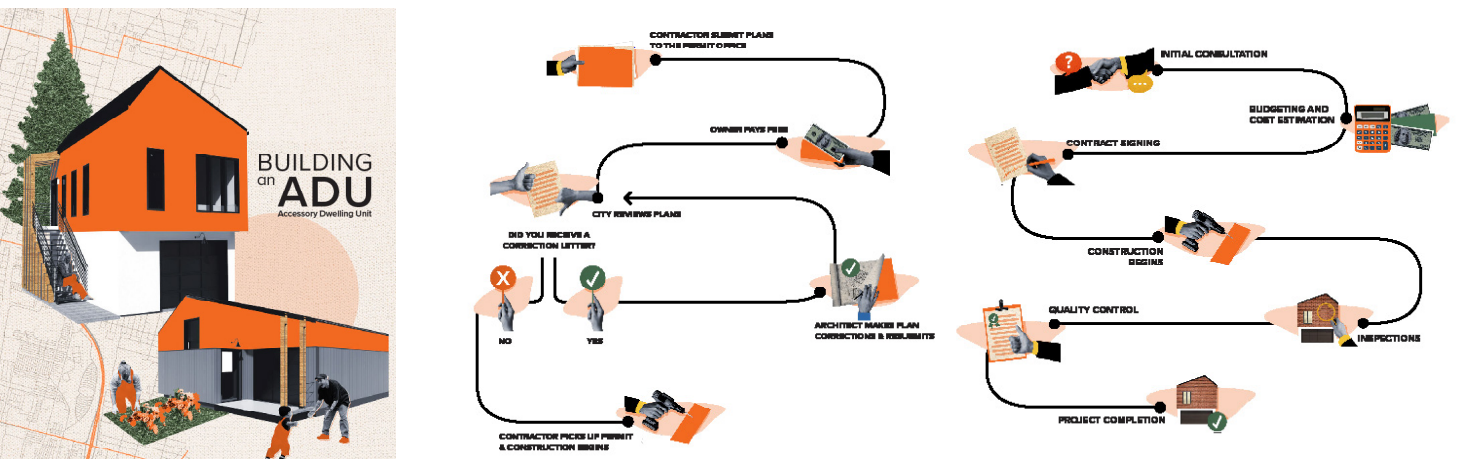


2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Social Entrepreneurship

ADU Prototype | Housing and Opportunity

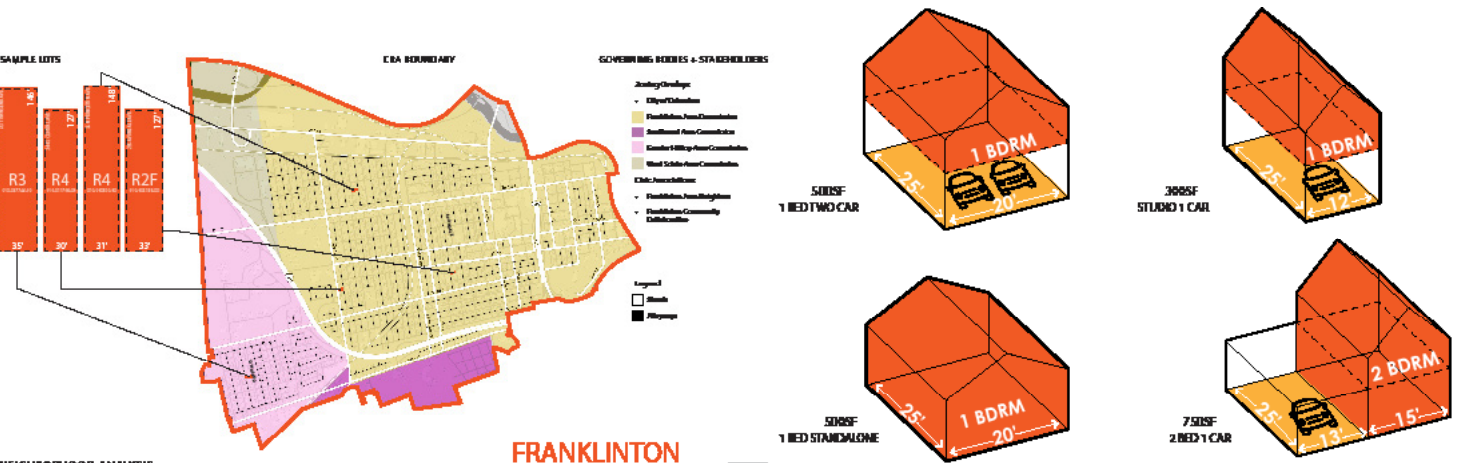
Role	Design Principal	Challenge
Firm	JBAD	Relieve a critical housing shortage and create real estate development and management opportunities for residents through accessory dwelling units (ADUs) located on their own properties.
Date	2024	Outcome
		The Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program, sponsored by the City of Columbus, provides prototype ADU designs and construction funding for residents of economically challenged neighborhoods of Columbus. Design and construction documents for a range of prototypes are available to selected program applicants. JBAD provided the designs and an extensive online user manual for the entire development process including entitlements, financing and construction.
		Impact
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Creates affordable, independent living options for residents.Expands the housing supply while respecting the existing residential context.Provides equity and opportunity for residents through small-scale real estate development.



ADU User Manual

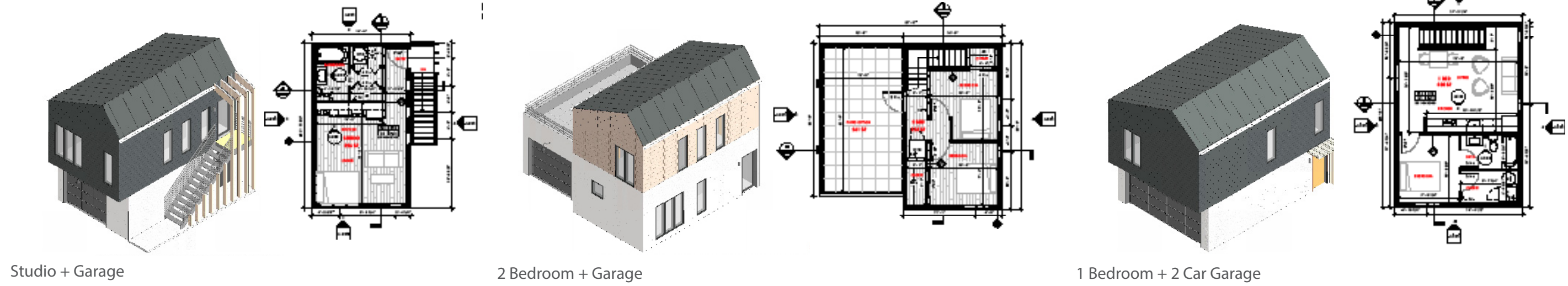
Building Permit Process

Construction Process



Neighborhood Analysis

ADU Typological Analysis



Studio + Garage

2 Bedroom + Garage

1 Bedroom + 2 Car Garage

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Social Entrepreneurship

Non-Profit Engagement

Role	AIA Columbus President	Challenge
Date	2014	Engage with non-profit organizations and to create innovative and effective design solutions to achieve their missions.
		Outcomes
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MicroTower



Ballet Met



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Bold Booths Public Art – MicroTower

The Columbus Special Improvement District non-profit invited Mr. Barnes to provide design services for Bold Booths, a public art program that reimagines the parking booth as an urban artifact, both architecture and art.

Mr. Barnes' booth creates a Microtower, the first of a planned series, from a shipping container that serves the car-commuting community as an urban concierge. The Microtower provides highly-accessible urban services to address a range of needs involving health and safety, nutritional eating, convenient shopping, entertainment and alternative transportation and technology.



MicroTower

OnePlus, COVA, BalletMet

Mr. Barnes has been an active advocate for and participant in the One Plus organization, dedicating a minimum of 1% of his firm's profits to the assistance of non-profit groups. His pro bono work for COVA (Center for Vocational Alternatives) transformed the reintegration process of the mentally and developmentally impaired into society.

Equally, his planning and architectural skills have set the stage for BalletMet, one of the premier ballet companies in the US, to meet their artistic and academic mission through the creation of a new dancers' courtyard and the renovation of their academic studios and performance space.

Impact

- Engages the resources of OnePlus to the direct benefit of local residents and community groups.
- Creates new opportunities to provide critical and valuable services to an urban commuting community through COVA.
- Directly improves the effectiveness of non-profit social services groups and public arts organizations like BalletMet in serving their clients and patrons.

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Interdisciplinary Leadership

Role AIA Columbus Chair, current Fellows Committee member and all organization leadership positions

Date 1990 - Present

Challenge

Lead the AIA in strengthening its public voice and in building better and healthier communities with greater equity and opportunities.

Outcomes

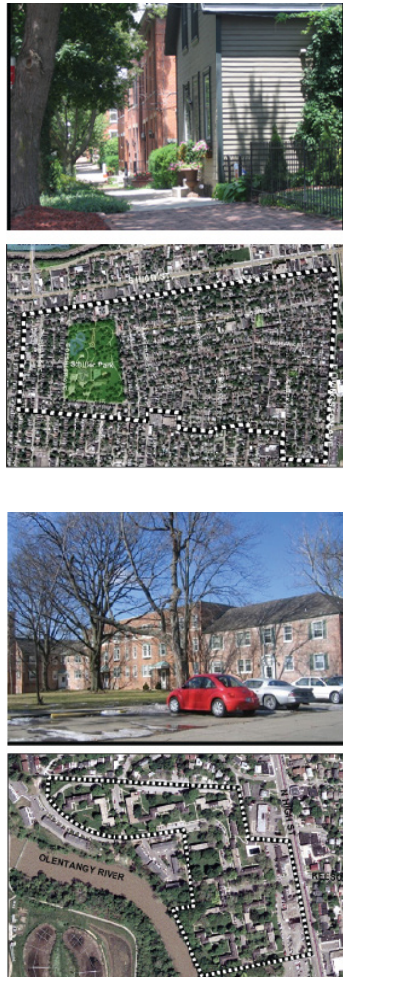
Mr. Barnes is a strong and vocal leader in the AIA, continually advocating for an impactful presence in the architectural, real estate development and resident communities.

Columbus ReWired

As AIA Columbus Livable Communities committee chair, Barnes championed Columbus ReWired, a regional transportation initiative and international multi-modal transit design competition. Funded by a grant from the AIA 150 Initiative, the program organized numerous community design charrettes that educated the public on the environmental, social, cultural, and economic benefits of mass transit for the region.

The competition drew submissions from around the world and featured head jurors Marilee Utter, a national leader of ULI, and Borja Ferrater, a partner at Office of Architecture Barcelona. Columbus ReWired received extensive publicity and significantly influenced the public discourse on public transportation in the region and contributing to the creation of LinkUs, a comprehensive transportation and growth initiative created by the Central Ohio Transit Authority.





American Institute of Architects

Density Roundtable

Barnes initiated and organized the AIA Density Roundtable, which addressed the realities of density metrics in Central Ohio and featured speaker Harriet Tregoning, a lawyer, planner and former sustainability director for the Obama administration.

Speak Up Columbus

Barnes hosted a series of “man on the street” video interviews of Columbus residents engaging them on the benefits of introducing contemporary architecture into historic contexts.

Center for Architecture and Design

As a board member and officer of AIA Columbus, Barnes championed the formation of the CFaD, a non-profit formed by AIA Columbus. Marshalling his experience as an architect with the multi-disciplinary Studio De Lucchi in Italy, he was instrumental in defining the identity of the organization to include a wide range of design disciplines and engaged allied professional organizations in their participation and leadership.

As a board member of CfAD, he pursued extensive outreach to the mainstream public to educate and establish dialogue.

AIA - Urban Land Institute Collaboration

He is solely responsible for establishing a mutually beneficial relationship with ULI Columbus, sharing research knowledge and aligning goals.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Engages the resources of the AIA to the direct benefit of local residents and community groups.
- Steadfastly pursues outreach efforts by the AIA to residents and allied design and land use professionals.
- Advances the transformation of the greater Columbus region towards more robust transportation systems and healthier communities.

2.0 Summary of Significant Achievements

Interdisciplinary Leadership

Urban Land Institute

Role Member and all leadership positions at ULI Columbus

Date 2007 - Present

Challenge

Advance the use of planning and architectural principles and best practices in the Urban Land Institute’s global and local initiatives and programming.

Outcomes

Mr. Barnes is a thought leader in the ULI, leveraging his professional expertise, leadership skills, and influence as an architect in the organization’s practical and tactical efforts. The following examples illustrate his ongoing impact.

Redevelopmenmt and Reuse Product Council

Technical Assistance Panel

621 + 633 17th Ave Repurposing Denver, Colorado May, 2025

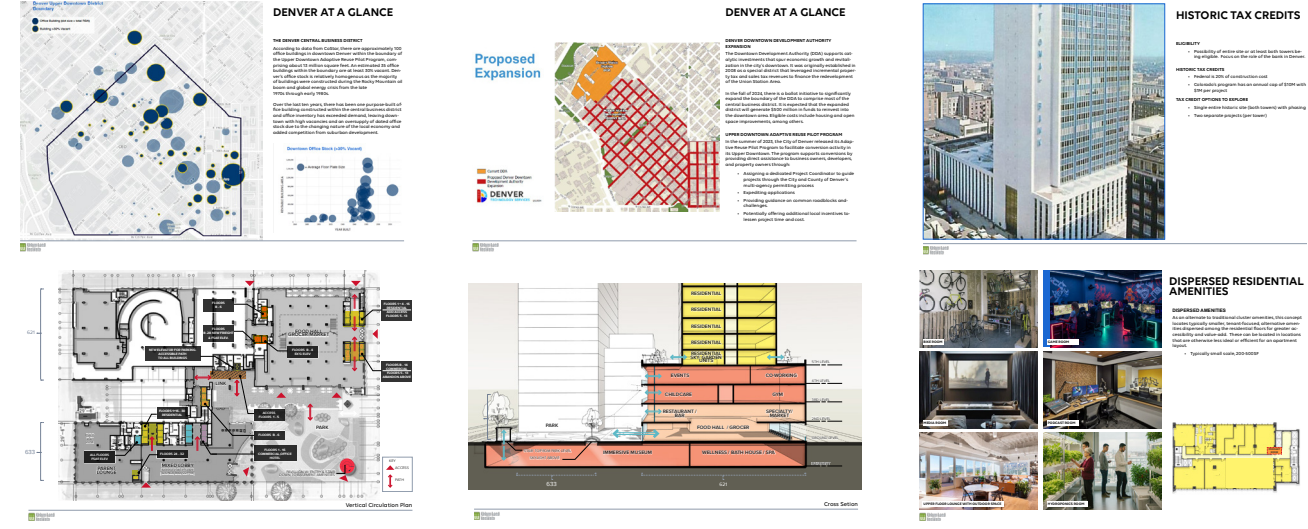
Barnes led a panel of national design and real estate development experts to advise the new owners of two high-rise office buildings in downtown Denver in the adaptive reuse of the properties for residential, hotel, office and retail uses.

The panel analyzed the real estate market including demographic trends, transportation systems, end-user market trends, and real estate development incentives, and recommended strategies for reconfiguring floors to residential apartments, co-working spaces, retail uses and building amenities. The panel also developed a financial analysis and pro forma for the project.

The owner/developer is pursuing the redevelopment project utilizing the design, development and financial recommendations of the panel.

2017 ULI Housing Opportunity Conference – Panel Discussion

2025 ULI Redevelopment and Reuse Product Council Technical Assistance Panel



Urban Land Institute

The City in 2050, Columbus 2050, Insight 2050

Barnes brought to Columbus The City in 2050, a major ULI national initiative, and helped grow that effort into Columbus 2050 and Insight 2050. Both transformative enterprises focus on long-term strategic planning and community improvement. ULI spotlights these efforts as national examples of effective leadership in the responsible use of land.

He also served on the ULI Mount Healthy, Ohio Technical Assistance Panel, advising an urban community in greater Cincinnati on their strategic plans for economic recovery and future growth.

Merging Old and New

Barnes’ article, “Merging Old and New”, was published in the international Urban Land Magazine, illustrating the strategies and value of integrating old and new architecture through parabolizing.

Building Healthy Places and FitCity

He aligns the strategic goals of both ULI and the AIA concerning public health and the built environment. He integrated the research of ULI’s Building Healthy Places initiative - “Strategies for Enhancing Health in the Built Environment” - with the AIA Columbus FitCity exhibit, promoting health by making citizens more active, encouraging movement and improving food access. Barnes fosters collaboration between the two organizations on a continual basis by advocating for the value of design and planning to ULI’s membership of influential developers, bankers, public officials and planners and by creating opportunities for exchange between young professionals from both groups.

ULI Hines Competition

Believing that interdisciplinary leadership begins with education, Mr. Barnes is an active supporter of the Harvard GSD and The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture (KSA). He serves as a local mentor and juror for the KSA for the ULI Hines competition (since



3.0 Biography

Education

1986	Harvard Graduate School of Design Cambridge, MA Masters of Architecture (MARCH II)
1982	Miami University Oxford, OH Bachelors of Environmental Design

Architectural Positions

2024 - Present	Gensler Columbus, OH Position: Co-Managing Director
1993 - 2024	Jonathan Barnes Architecture & Design (JBAD) Columbus, OH Position: Design Principal
1993	Feinknopf Macioce Schappa Columbus, OH Position: Associate Architect
1990 - 1992	Studio De Lucchi S.R.L. Milan, Italy Position: Design Architect
1986 - 1990	Skidmore Owings & Merrill Chicago, IL Position: Associate Architect
1986	E. Verner Johnson & Associates Inc. Boston, MA Position: Architectural Staff
1985	Cannon Design Boston, MA Position: Architectural Staff
1984	Lane Frenchman & Associates Inc. Boston, MA Position: Architectural Staff
1983	Sutphin Morris Watertown, MA Position: Architectural Staff
1981	Brown Daltas Cambridge, MA Position: Architectural Staff

Gensler



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Studio De Lucchi

CANNONDESIGN

Teaching Positions



2017	Vertical Studio Barcelona Culinary Arts Center Knowlton School of Architecture – The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio Adjunct Faculty
2007 - 2022	Comprehensive Studio Housing in Columbus Knowlton School of Architecture – The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio Visiting Critic
1994	3rd Year Studio Lake Hope Pavilion Knowlton School of Architecture – The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio Adjunct Faculty
1993	Design Seminar Architecture & Object Miami University School of Architecture Oxford, Ohio Adjunct Faculty

Juries



2017	Fourth Year Studio Universitat Internacional de Catalunya Barcelona, Spain Guest Juror
2015 - Present	ULI Columbus Hines Competition Juror and Team Mentor
2006 - Present	Graduate and Undergraduate Studios Knowlton School of Architecture – The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio Guest Juror
2016	AIA Chicago Honor Awards Juror
2015	Fourth Year Studio Miami University School of Architecture Oxford, Ohio Guest Juror
	AIA Vermont Honor Awards Juror

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Community Leadership Positions - AIA

2017 - Present	AIA Columbus – Fellows Committee Member Columbus, OH
2014	AIA Columbus – Past President Columbus, OH
2013	AIA Columbus – President Columbus, OH
2012	AIA Columbus – President-Elect Columbus, OH
2011	AIA Columbus – Treasurer Columbus, OH
2010	AIA Columbus – Secretary Columbus, OH
2008 - 2015	AIA Columbus – Board Member Columbus, OH
2008	AIA Columbus – Livable Communities Committee Chair Columbus, OH
1993 - Present	AIA Columbus – Member Columbus, OH
1987 - 1990	AIA Chicago – Member Chicago, IL

Community Leadership Position - Non-profit

2015 - 2017	Center of Architecture and Design Columbus, OH Board Member
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Academic Leadership Positions

2016	Knowlton School of Architecture – The Ohio State University Columbus, OH Initiated and developed a reciprocal relationship between the KSA and the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain.
2002 - 2005	Harvard Design School Alumni Council Cambridge, MA Appointed to alumni group advising the school on wide-ranging academic and strategic issues.

Community Leadership Positions - ULI



2024 - Present	ULI Foundation Ambassador - Redevelopment and Reuse Product Council Columbus, OH
2015 - 2019	National Co-Chair for Mission Advancement Columbus, OH
2014 - 2019	Columbus District Council – Chair for Mission Advancement Columbus, OH
2012 - Present	Redevelopment and Reuse Product Council – Founding Member Columbus, OH
2014 - 2017	North Central Region Product Council – Founding Member Columbus, OH
2012 - 2014	Columbus District Council – Governance Committee Chair Columbus, OH
2010 - 2012	Columbus District Council – District Council Chair Columbus, OH
2007 - 2010	Columbus District Council – Program Chair Columbus, OH
2007	Columbus District Council – Founding Member Columbus, OH

Community Leadership Positions - Municipal

2024	City of Columbus Equitable Transit Oriented Development Steering Committee Columbus, OH Member of citywide appointed steering serving as advisory body to the city on the mobility and real estate development impact and opportunities of transit improvements and zoning code updates
2015	City of Dublin Urban Development Consultant Dublin, OH Consultant on contemporary development in an historic urban commercial neighborhood.
2005 - 2009	City of Columbus Development Commission Columbus, OH Member of citywide appointed commission serving as advisory body to city council on land use issues and rezoning proposals.
2004	City of Columbus German Village Commission Columbus, OH Member of architectural review commission for a historic urban community.

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Architectural Design Awards

National Award	2023	Future House Awards Aparkment
	2023	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Jorgensen Farms
	2023	AIA Ohio – Honor Award Jorgensen Farms
	2021	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Aparkment
	2021	AIA Columbus – Merit Award @150 North Third Street
	2001	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Ohio State Bank
	2020	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Entrepreneurial Housing
	2020	AIA Ohio – Merit Award View on Grant
	2018	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Entrepreneurial Housing
	2018	AIA Columbus – Merit Award MicroTower Bold Booth
National Award	2017	AIA Columbus – Honor Awarde MiddleWest Spirits
	2017	AIA Ohio – Honor Award Whitehall Library
	2017	AIA / ALA Library Building Award Whitehall Library
	2016	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Sullivan Residence
	2016	AIA Ohio – Honorable Mention Award Sullivan Residence
	2015	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Whitehall Library
	2015	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Battery B Apartments
	2011	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Ohio State University – Cunz Hall Renovation

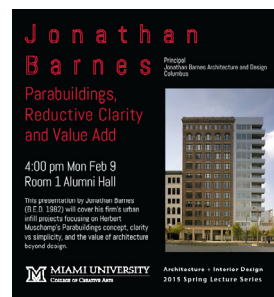
National Award	2010	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Stolarczyk Residence
	2010	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Mlicki Offices
	2009	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Pistacia Vera
	2009	AIA Ohio – Honor Award 225 N. Fourth St. Lofts
	2009	Grandview Chamber Design Award Mlicki Offices
	2008	Fairfax Intergenerational Housing – Honorable Mention Leaf Skeleton Prefabricated Housing
	2008	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Brewers Gate Townhomes
	2008	AIA Ohio – Honor Award Brunson Building Lofts
	2007	American Architecture Award Brunson Building Lofts
	2007	James B Recchi Design Award Finalist Brunson Building Lofts
National Award	2006	AIA Columbus – Honor Award 225 N. Fourth St. Lofts
	2005	AIA Ohio – Merit Award Mound Street Office Building
	2005	AIA Columbus – Small Project Award Feinknopf Photography Studio
	2003	Manufacturing Retail Design Awards Functional Furnishing Showroom, Polaris Fashion Place
	2003	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Functional Furnishing Showroom, Polaris Fashion Place
	2003	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Mound Street Office Building
	2002	AIA Columbus – Merit Award Hartman Building Renovation
	2000	AIA Columbus – Honor Award Mooney Henningsen Residence Renovation/Addition

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College of Fellows

Firm Award

Presentations



2017	Elevation to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects Jonathan Barnes
2015	AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design (JBAD)
2025	5 on 5th Creative Salon Columbus, Ohio Ongoing program sharing experiences and insights of creatives from a range of non-architectural professions and pursuits with a public audience.
2025	ULI Redevelopment and Reuse Product Council Technical Assistance Panel Denver, Colorado Research and panel discussion on the conversion of two commercial high-rise office buildings to mixed-use residential/hotel/office uses
2017	ULI Housing Opportunity Conference Innovations in Affordable Design and Construction Columbus, Ohio Panel discussion at a national housing conference featuring Barnes' Entrepreneurial Housing initiative.
2015	Miami University School of Architecture Spring Lecture Series JBAD Recent Work Oxford, Ohio Public lecture featuring recent projects and research of Barnes' firm.
2014	Bowling Green State University School of Architecture Spring Lecture Series JBAD Recent Work Bowling Green, Ohio Public lecture featuring recent projects and research of Barnes' firm.
2012	Knowlton School of Architecture - The Ohio State University Spring Lecture Series JBAD Recent Work Columbus, Ohio Public lecture featuring recent projects and research of Barnes' firm.
2009	AIA BigSmall Columbus Firm Presentation JBAD Recent Work Columbus, Ohio Presentation on current work of Barnes' firm.
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Publications & Broadcasts



2018	Architect Magazine Shining Light on Parabuilding Article on the use of parabuilding in the MiddleWest Spirits project.
2009	CMH Business Event Editorial Opinion article on the value and misconceptions of density.
2008	Visual Merchandise & Store Design Portfolio Feature article on the Functional Furnishings showroom project.
2008	HGTV Renovation Showcase Zipfel House Television broadcast featuring the Zipfel House renovation project.
2006	Columbus Monthly Magazine Modern World Feature article on the Fairfax Rd residential project.
2006	Urban Land Magazine Merging Old and New Article in global land use publication on the concept of parabuilding.
2006	Residential Developer Potent Brew Highlights of the design of the Brewers Gate Townhomes project.
2005	Pure Contemporary Magazine Modern Miracle Feature article featuring the Zipfel House renovation project.
2005	Metropolitan Home Magazine Metro Feature article on the Functional Furnishings showroom project.
2004	Columbus CEO Magazine Rising Star Spotlight on Mr. Barnes' early career successes.
2000	HGTV What You Get for the Money Zipfel House Television broadcast featuring the Zipfel House renovation project.
2000	Departures Magazine Black Book in the Know Feature article on Barnes' use of unique interior finish materials.
1994	Xtra Corporate Interiors Mound - Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design International publication featuring Mound St. Office Building.
	Interior Design Magazine Studio De Lucchi Feature article on the Deutsche Bank Branch Bank project.

4.0 Supporting Exhibits

Significant Projects



Reynoldsburg Public Library
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2024



Columbus ADU Pilot Program
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2024



Jorgensen Farms
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2022

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2016)
AIA Ohio – Honorable Mention Award (2016)



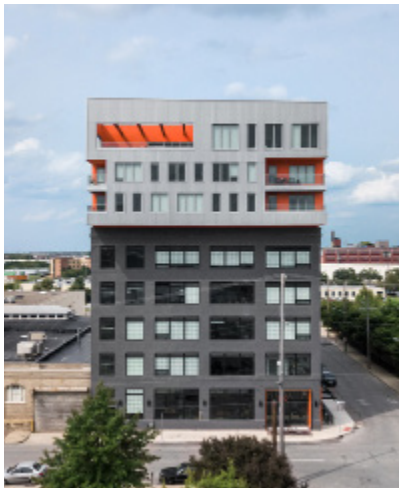
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Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2021

AIA Columbus – Merit Award (2021)



Ohio State Bank
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2020

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2021)



The View on Grant Lofts
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2019

AIA Ohio – Merit Award (2020)



Bold Booths Microtower
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2018

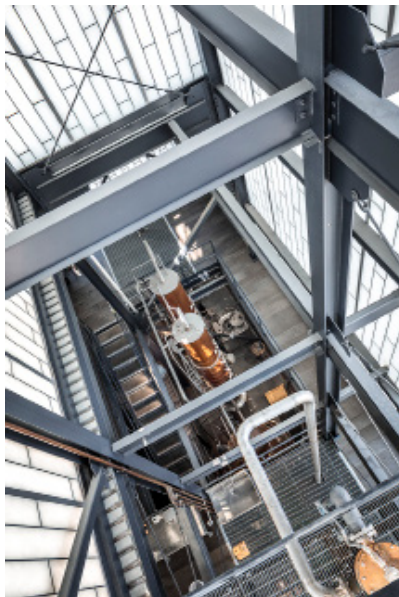
AIA Ohio – Merit Award (2020)

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The Concord Residential
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2018



MiddleWest Spirits
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2017

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2017)



Sullivan Residence
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2016

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2016)
AIA Ohio – Honorable Mention Award (2016)



Whitehall Library
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2015

AIA / ALA Library Building Award (2017)
AIA Ohio – Honor Award (2017)
AIA Columbus – Merit Award (2015)



Battery B Apartments
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2015

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2015)



Grajo Residence
Powell, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2014



Resource Interactive
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2013

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Significant Projects



The Benchmark Apartments
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2013



The Ohio State University – Cunz Hall Renovation
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2011

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2011)



Mlicki Offices
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2010

AIA Columbus – Merit Award (2010)
Grandview Chamber Design Award (2009)



Pistacia Vera
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2007

AIA Columbus – Merit Award (2009)



Lafayette Lofts
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2007

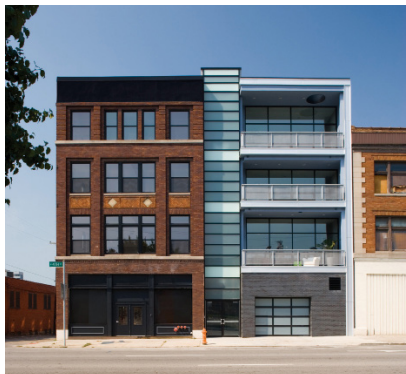


Brunson Building Lofts
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2006

AIA Ohio – Honor Award (2008)
American Architecture Award (2007)
James B Recchi Design Award Finalist (2007)

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Significant Projects



225 N. Fourth St. Lofts
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2006

AIA Ohio – Honor Award (2009)
AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2006)



Brewers Gate Townhomes
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2006

AIA Columbus – Merit Award (2008)



Functional Furnishings Showroom
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2003

Manufacturing Retail Design Award (2003)
AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2003)



Mound St. Office Building
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2003

AIA Ohio – Merit Award (2005)
AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2003)



Hartman Building Renovation
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2002

AIA Columbus – Merit Award (2002)



Mooney Henningsen Residence Renovation / Addition
Columbus, Ohio
Design Principal, JBAD
2000

AIA Columbus – Honor Award (2000)



Deutsche Bank Branch Bank System
Frankfurt, Germany
Principal Design Architect, Studio De Lucchi
1992

4.0 Letters of Support



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To Whom it may concern

RE: Sponsorship of Jonathan Barnes FAIA for AIA Ohio Gold Medal

Dear Mr. Meegan and The AIA Ohio Board of Directors,

It is my honor to recommend Jonathan Barnes FAIA for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Honor Award. As a four-term mayor of the City of Columbus and eight-year member of the Columbus City Council, I have known and observed the important contributions Mr. Barnes has made to the city over several decades.

Columbus saw transformational growth in the last 30 years and, from my perspective, much of the innovative and well-designed architecture of this period was the result of Jonathan's efforts. In the urban core and historic neighborhoods, buildings were saved and repurposed, empty lots were made useful and much-needed housing was created. The effects of his talents are easily recognized across the city. His unique perspective of the city, its neighborhoods and its people has had perhaps no greater effect than in Columbus' housing market. Renovating older warehouses into apartments, adapting historic office buildings into true urban lofts, and filling vacant city properties with houses and townhouses were all done with an appreciation of the value of density in these communities and a sensitivity to their history and character.

Jonathan's Entrepreneurial Housing concept, a unique response to the acute need for housing in the city and opportunity for a real estate development to create financial wealth and agency for residents, shows us all how new ideas can make real change in familiar environments. Residents of urban communities investing in their own communities is the key to self-determination and resilient neighborhoods and Entrepreneurial Housing makes that happen. This is good design, good development, and good citizenship.

As a former member of the Columbus Development Commission and a frequent presence at City Council hearings, area commission and historic review boards sessions and civic association meetings for many years, Jonathan has greatly influenced the public discourse on good, smart development and the value of excellent design, with impressive results. His work has been exemplary of the kind of development Columbus needs and strives for, setting a high bar for the rest of the city. Jonathan has been a vocal supporter and proponent of the most recent updates to the Columbus zoning code that will create a transformational shift in the ways Columbus will continue to grow.

These efforts have their roots in the early policies of my administration and their success relies solely on the work of developers and of architects like Jonathan.

It is for these reasons that I enthusiastically support Jonathan Barnes AIA for the Gold Medal.

Very truly yours,

ICE MILLER LLP

Michael B. Coleman



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16 June 2025

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Jury
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Suite 120
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Worthington, OH 43085

Re: Letter of support for Jonathan Barnes FAIA for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal

Dear AIA Gold Medal Jury:

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Jonathan Barnes FAIA for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal. There is no one who better personifies the ideal architect as a practitioner and sometime educator. Whether it is in his built projects, his innovative approach to equality, his professional leadership or his mentorship of the next generation of architects, Jonathan's achievements have consistently been at the highest level.

Jonathan is an excellent designer. However, more importantly, his built projects have reinvigorated neighborhoods by both their presence and by encouraging others to develop in neglected communities. His idea of "parabuildings" both maintains the fabric of the locality and offers projects of "their time". His idea has been a huge success in what some might call a conservative community. Jonathan has figured out a way to bring contemporary design to a region that often prefers historicist design. This is not a unique problem, and he has worked hard to spread the message with the publication of his work and presentations to professional organizations, civic bodies and students.

Jonathan's entrepreneurial housing initiative, Betterhood, is truly unique. His idea of developing affordable housing by having the inhabitants develop business and financial skills has enormous potential to provide a path to owner-occupied residences in neglected neighborhoods. The program is a win, win, win for the residents, the communities and the city. Again, Jonathan has been diligent in spreading the word.

In Central Ohio, Jonathan is hugely responsible for the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) presence. In addition, he has connected AIA Columbus with the local ULI chapter, making both stronger, but also bringing design to the table for many developers. His initiatives have become a model for other chapters and cities. In addition, as first a member and then the president of AIA Columbus, he put the Chapter to work for the local community through such programs as the Columbus Rewired Competition, The City in 2050, lectures and roundtables, Fit City and the Center for Architecture and Design.

Finally, it is incumbent on me to mention Jonathan's contributions to the Knowlton School of Architecture. As the former leader of the Comprehensive Studio, which won high praise from the last NAAAB visiting team, I can attest to the fact that there has been no one who has contributed more with his knowledge of housing and his counseling of students than Jonathan. We use his projects as precedents, and they compare well with the best housing projects by internationally recognized architects.

It is for these reasons that I am honored to recommend Jonathan Barnes FAIA for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal.

Sincerely,

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4.0 Letters of Support



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June 16, 2025

AIA Ohio
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Re: Jonathan Barnes, FAIA NCARB LEED AP
2024 AIA Ohio Gold Medal

Dear AIA Ohio Board,

I am honored to nominate Jonathan Barnes, FAIA NCARB LEED AP for the 2025 Ohio Gold Medal.

Throughout his career, Jonathan has built a portfolio of thoughtful, innovative modern architecture relevant to our contemporary society. With these efforts, his transformative designs are leaving a distinctive mark on the built environment of Columbus and the Midwest.

He is an interdisciplinary leader as he manages and collaborates with other industry experts, community and political leaders in his relentless pursuit of excellence.

Jonathan has been an engaged expert and leader in the land use and real estate world, connecting goals of sustainability, mobility and equity with real world applications, as can be seen in his activeness in the Urban Land Institute locally, and nationally for 17 years as a leader at ULI Columbus and in the Redevelopment and Reuse national Product Council, helping to build and guide the organization in Ohio with transformative impact in our communities.

Jonathan has dedicated his time, talent, and resources to AIA, the design profession, and making our communities better. Please consider Jonathan in your selection for the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal.

Respectfully submitted,

Yaronir Steiner
Chief Executive Officer



Dear Honor Awards Jury

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RE: JONATHAN BARNES,
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GOLD MEDAL LETTER OF
SUPPORT

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation and unconditional support for Jonathan Barnes, FAIA, for the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal. Jonathan is a phenomenal design talent who elevates architects and design throughout Ohio, the Midwest, and nationally through practice, leadership, and service.

Since establishing Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design in 1993, Jonathan has led an innovative practice in Columbus which expands the impact of architecture well beyond buildings. Many of his projects have created memorable places that spark community investment, increase stakeholder wellbeing, and spur economic growth. His practice has served as a model for the future, where the architect recognizes the important contributions that buildings can make to our social construct. Jonathan's design methodology creates remarkable buildings rooted in place and context, not trend, and his timeless work is a testament to his methodology. In 2015, AIA Ohio recognized JBAD with their highest firmwide honor, the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award, endorsing and celebrating the approach.

In 2024, Jonathan joined forces with Gensler, the world's most prestigious and impactful architecture firm, where he co-leads the Columbus office. Here, he is responsible for connecting Columbus clients to the depth of talent offered by this global design leader and is elevating design on significant projects in the metro area. At the same time, Jonathan's design approach is diversifying Gensler's impact nationwide.

As a leader, Jonathan elevates the impact of architects throughout Ohio as an AIA, ULI, and non-profit leader. Many of the programs that he develops directly connect architects to civic and business leaders and demonstrate the potential that community engagement can have on design efficacy. An outstanding example is the Weight of Architecture program that he coordinated as President of AIA Columbus in 2013 which matched emerging professional teams with non-profit organizations to provide pro-bono services. The program evolved AIA Columbus engagement patterns to be community-facing and piqued design interest across wide-ranging, diverse constituencies. Jonathan's leadership elevated the perceived role of the architect and served as a national model of community impact.

Above all, though, I believe his interdisciplinary leadership is most worthy of recognition. Jonathan works tirelessly to strengthen ties among building design, real estate, and construction professionals and connects the industry to influencers and decision-makers. He recognizes the ultimate role of the architect to lead and coordinate design complexity, and he is a persistent mentor and role-model in this capacity. For this and many other reasons, I strongly encourage you to award the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal to Jonathan Barnes, FAIA.

Yours very truly,

4.0 Letters of Support



Lauren Hagan, CEO



June 9, 2025

AIA Ohio
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Dear AIA Ohio Board,

I have the pleasure of nominating Jonathan Barnes, FAIA NCARB LEED AP for the 2025 Ohio Gold Medal.

Over the past seven years, I have had the privilege of working closely with Jonathan Barnes and Associates through the Columbus Metropolitan Library’s ambitious Vision 2020 building program. As we set out to renovate or rebuild all 23 of our locations, Jonathan and his team proved to be invaluable partners, consistently demonstrating a deep commitment to design excellence and community impact.

Among their contributions, the Reynoldsburg and Whitehall branches stand out as exemplary. These two libraries, both designed by JBAD, reflect forward-thinking, world-class architecture and were recognized with an American Library Association/AIA Building Award. More than just beautiful structures, these buildings have become vital community anchors—spaces that foster safety, civic engagement, and a strong sense of place.

Jonathan’s work goes beyond aesthetics. His designs have helped us realize our vision of 21st-century libraries as inclusive, empowering spaces that provide access to information, programs, and critical resources. His dedication to social entrepreneurship and community-centered design has made a lasting impact on the Columbus Metropolitan Library system and the neighborhoods we serve.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to architecture and community, I wholeheartedly support Jonathan Barnes for the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal.

Sincerely,

Lauren Hagan



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June 11, 2025

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Ref.: AIA Ohio 2025 Gold Medal Award
Subj.: Jonathan Barnes, FAIA

Dear President and Board members,

I am honored to write in support of Jonathan Barnes’, FAIA submittal in consideration of the 2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award. I have long admired his work through the many years that I have known him and have had the value and pleasure of interacting with him. This has been through AIA projects and functions, serving on juries together, and more recently through College of Fellows’ activities in which Jonathan has been selfless and sought to elevate the profession. Although we did not know each other at the time, Jonathan and I shared formative years simultaneously as young architects in Boston while developing architectural sensibilities. Perhaps this is what drew me to the work of his firm which I thought exemplified intelligent, appropriate design. I found it innovative, beautiful, brilliant. Apparently, I wasn’t the only one. If you go back over the last 25 years in Design Awards history, you’ll find there are few years (less than 5) in which Jonathan Barnes, FAIA has not been recognized for design excellence in transformative design and adaptive preservation, by his AIA peers and just about every other organization that values good design. This was of course the basis of his election to the AIA College of Fellows a few years back in consideration of his having had a substantial impact over time and elevated the profession on a national basis.

Accordingly, this in and of itself would be evidence of Jonathan’s merit and deservedness of the AIA Ohio gold Medal Award, but it is not the end of the story, only the beginning. You see Jonathan has used his passion for architecture and his care for the human condition to advocate for affordable housing and to champion excellence in design for this, maybe less prestigious but in his mind equally important, sector of work. Jonathan was a founder of Betterhood, a 501C3 NFP organization dedicated to improving economically distressed communities through quality housing and social entrepreneurship. Since 2015 the impact on Columbus’ underserved and transitional neighborhoods has been notable. Jonathan has also shared of himself with aspiring architects, both through teaching at the University level and this past year with AIA Cleveland’s Coffee with Fellows program in which he spent time to mentor, prepare and present a program with an emerging professional for a regional audience.

I believe Jonathan’s impact has been profound, I have personally benefitted from studying his work, from observing the example he sets, and from interacting with him as a friend and colleague. I wholeheartedly endorse his submittal and trust you will find him worthy of the 2025 AIA Ohio gold Medal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Alan Bialosky, Jr. FAIA LEED AP
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