

Living in context: Archetypal urban housing for 21st century on exhibit at UCSD's university art gallery Jan. 28-March 18

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Living in Context: Archetypal Urban Housing for the 21st Century, an exhibition featuring the work of eight San Diego-based architects establishing an international precedent for multi-family urban design, will be on view January 28 through March 18 in the University Art Gallery at the University of California, San Diego. A January 27 lecture by the architects at Mandeville Auditorium at 6 p.m. will be followed by a 7 p.m. reception at the Gallery. This event is free and open to the public.

Working together as the Little Italy Neighborhood Developers (LIND), architects Robin Brisebois, James Brown, Kathleen McCormick, Rob Wellington Quigley, Jonathan Segal, Ted Smith and Lloyd Russell and landscape architect firm Spurlock Poirier transformed a single block in San Diego's Little Italy district into a vibrant, diverse community. Lofts, row homes, and family apartments above storefronts have achieved a balance between spaces ideal for living and for working. The architects' initiative to design buildings sensitive to context, both historical and present-day, has resulted in an award-winning project melding the site's heritage with the demands of changing lifestyles in the 21st century.

The LIND project represents a rare collaboration among multiple developers, designers, and a redevelopment agency, striving to create urban housing that is sensitive to human scale, stimulates the community, and addresses the need for public and private space. "The neighborhoods that people love and that flourish as interactive pedestrian places have multiple ownership blocks, usually with an interplay of old and new structures," said Quigley.

The experimental nature of the LIND project, which has established an international precedent, is a dynamic, working model for urban renewal. "The LIND model is not just for downtown it suggests a scale and way of life that will work in our older neighborhoods and the commercial cores of newer suburbs," said Poirier.

Living in Context: Archetypal Urban Housing for the 21st Century traces the evolution of the architectural process from concept to development, featuring original drawings, three-dimensional models, and photography of exterior and interior spaces. In addition to material focusing on the LIND project, new work and works in progress from the featured architects will be presented. Across the various projects, the designers challenge conventional urban planning, establishing an innovative urban character concerned with the intricate dialogue between inhabitants and designers of space.

Living in Context: Archetypal Urban Housing for the 21g Century was curated by the University Art Gallery. The Gallery is located at the west end of Mandeville Center on the UCSD campus in La Jolla. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment for groups of ten or more. Admission is free. Docent tours are available by appointment. For more information, call the Gallery at (858) 534-2107

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