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ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION RECOGNIZES HARRISON DESIGN ASSOCIATES WITH AN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW CONSTRUCTION

Atlanta, GA – Atlanta Urban Design Commission recognizes architectural firm Harrison Design Associates with a 2006 Urban Design Award of Excellence in New Construction for The Row Houses at Inman Park Village.

Without a rich history of older townhouse architecture in Atlanta upon which to draw, Harrison Design Associates worked closely with general contractors, Brunning & Stang, and developers, Lake Avenue & Associates, LLC, conducting extensive research in order to determine the most appropriate architectural heritage for a 20-acre redevelopment within the historic Inman Park neighborhood. A careful review of historical residential and commercial designs gave rise to considering Italianate as the dominant architectural style for the project. Although the Italianate style was not present in the Historic District, the Atlanta's Urban Design Commission and the Inman Park Neighborhood Association were supportive of the design direction and made an exception allowing the project to proceed as envisioned. Once approved, the team set out to produce a building with a recognizable historical style; the goal was to achieve the essential synergy between the structure, the street, and both nature and human scale that was common in architecture and planning before the automobile.

The buildings' wood frame construction is clad in a brick veneer, selected to provide historic relevance and to relate to the existing buildings in the neighborhood. Flat roofs with a combination of corbelled parapets and stepped brick parapets are design elements that reflect the Italianate style. Segmental arches, historic muntin patterns, columned porticos and false brick window infills add to overall authenticity and appeal. Careful attention to the finished floor elevation and its relationship to the street assist in providing urban privacy. Garages are located on a service alley at the rear to preserve the integrity of the front façade. The use of light wells, wrought iron, and small landscaped yards also establishes separation between the structure and the sidewalk. The resulting project sets a new precedent for historically influenced townhouse design within the City.

Since its founding in 1991, award-winning Harrison Design Associates has been dedicated to creating high-end custom homes that are inspired by the best of traditional architecture. From Atlanta and St. Simons Island, Georgia to Santa Barbara, California, we share a singular belief that a handcrafted house is a work of art; it is an enduring investment and a place to express the individuality of the families that will live there. Our team of over 65 professionals creates an array of distinctive ancestral homes and public buildings through the thoughtful study and application of classical proportions and detailing.

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