

Union Station Wins 2017 DC Historic Preservation Award

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Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) is pleased to announce that Union Station has won the 2017 State Historic Preservation Officer's Award for the <u>Main Hall Restoration Project</u>. The DC Office of Planning and Historic Preservation Office, in partnership with the DC Preservation League and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), presented the 14th annual District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in the historic <u>DAR Constitution Hall</u>.



Since 2003, the District government has honored over 225 outstanding projects, programs, and individuals for exemplary work and commitment to historic preservation in Washington, DC. This year's awards recognized 47 individuals, businesses, government agencies, and local organizations.

Awards were presented in the following categories: Stewardship, Community Involvement, Design and Construction, <u>Historic Preservation Review Board</u> Chair Award, State Historic Preservation Officer's Award, and Individual Lifetime Achievement Award.





"We are fortunate in Washington to have great national monuments and dozens of historic neighborhoods. There is strong support for historic preservation and these awards give us a chance to honor some of the individuals and organizations who are helping to bring new vitality to DC in a way that builds on its historic character," said David Maloney, State Historic Preservation Officer.

About the DC Office of Planning (OP)/Historic Preservation Office

The DC Office of Planning performs planning for neighborhoods, corridors, districts, historic preservation, public facilities, parks and open spaces, and individual sites. In addition, OP engages in urban design, land use, and historic preservation review. OP also conducts historic resources research and community visioning and manages, analyzes, maps, and disseminates spatial and U.S. census data.

The Office of Planning's mission is to guide development of the District of Columbia, including the preservation and revitalization of our distinctive neighborhoods, by informing decisions, advancing strategic goals, encouraging the highest quality outcomes, and engaging all communities.

About the DC Preservation League (DCPL)

The DC Preservation League is Washington, DC's only citywide nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the historic resources of our nation's capital. Since its founding in 1971 as Don't Tear It Down, DCPL has helped preserve more than 175 individual landmarks and countless properties in historic districts across the city beginning with preventing the demolition of the Old Post Office Building on Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Other notable successes for the organization include pursuing landmark nominations for the Warner Theatre, the Woodward and Lothrop building on F Street NW, the Hecht Company Warehouse on New York Avenue NE, and the L'Enfant Plan for the City of Washington.

About the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, DC, the DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

DAR members volunteer millions of service hours annually in their local communities, including supporting active duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients, awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships and financial aid each year to students, and supporting schools for underserved children with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.





For further information about Union Station's award, please contact Jillian Hess, USRC Public Relations and Outreach Coordinator at <u>ihess@usrcdc.com</u>. For information on other winners or the DC Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation in general, please see <u>https://planning.dc.gov/page/preservation-awards</u>.

