



## Real Estate Award

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Every year the Business Journal has a call for best real estate project completed in the last 12 months. This year over 50 projects were submitted for this coveted real estate award. Business Journal editors reviewed them, narrowed the field, and then engaged a panel of judges to make the final selection. This year the jury consisted of Dean Bob Greenstreet, Dean of the School of Architecture Ricardo Diaz, and United Community Center.

Awards are given in the different categories such as office, hospitality, residential developments, as well as best public/private, and best neighborhood impact. The jury discussed the merits of each project, including financial success and, most important, each development's impact on the community. The Top Real Estate Award goes to the most outstanding project of the year. Last year the award went to the new high-rise apartment building, Moderne, but this year it was awarded to our neighborhood.

This was the first time in the eight-year history of this award that the jury decided to pick a neighborhood instead of a project for the Top Real Estate Award. They also decided to choose our neighborhood without an actual submission, which speaks for the energy that our neighborhood creates. The award was given to all of us working and living in Walker's Point. At the event, the award was given to all Walker's Point neighbors and businesses that were in the audience. Representing the Association, Ursula Twombly accepted the award.

Since April 2014 the award has been traveling throughout the neighborhood, being displayed at various businesses and restaurants in Walker's Point. If you would like to host it for a number of weeks, contact any board member.

Below is an excerpt from an article by Mark Kass from the Business Journal that best describes the reason we were awarded this great honor.



*As I recently sat at Stone Creek Coffee in the Walker's Point neighborhood, I looked out the window and saw some of the development that has been going on in the bustling area over the last several years. I can remember not too long ago when the same neighborhood was filled with empty warehouses and rundown buildings.*

*The revitalization of the neighborhood south of downtown Milwaukee also caught the attention of the judges for the Milwaukee Business Journal's Real Estate Awards. Instead of choosing one development for our Project of the Year as we've done in past years, the judges wanted to recognize all the recent development activity in Walker's Point. There is a definite energy in the neighborhood, fueled by the massive renovation of the building that houses The Water Council.*

### **Mission**

Walker's Point Association (WPA) serves as a voice for all stakeholders and influences development that honors its history and that aligns current reality with the envisioned spirit of Walker's Point. The priorities for green and sustainable development include craft industries, fresh water industry, mixed housing and initiatives that support the economic and social diversity of the neighborhood.

WPA also serves as a resource and information hub for ALL stakeholders.

### **Vision**

Walker's Point Association is the connector and advocate among residents, businesses, and city officials creating a truly unified community.