



# URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE



**2022 UD DC INFORMATION**  
**NEW MEMBERS // ALL ARE WELCOME**



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The AIA|DC Urban Design Committee (UD DC) is platform for ideas and advocacy that promotes livable, equitable and sustainable communities in the nation's capital.

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**AIA|DC UD DC**



# mission

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The Mission of AIA|DC Urban Design Committee (UD DC) is to improve the quality of cities and people's lives through the engagement, promotion, and advocacy of Urban Design thinking across all actors in city making.

The UD DC explores big ideas about cities. Planning, transit, landscape, policy, architecture, and design would be common themes of regular lectures, panels, tours, and discussions.

## UD DC objectives

- 1 // create a forum** to engage other organizations in Urban Design.
- 2 // raise public awareness** of the value of Urban Design
- 3 // promote visionary thinking** about the future of Cities.
- 4 // advocate for public policy** that promotes Livability, Spatial Equity, and Environmental Stewardship.
- 5 // develops allies** among Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects, Stakeholders, & Policymakers.



## **new members welcome**

**- we want you to join us!**

We are a collection of architects, landscape architects, real estate professionals, lighting designers, students, and city-enthusiasts, among others. Urban Design as a field of study does not clearly fit into one profession, and our committee welcomes all who are interested. Although certainly welcome, AIA membership is not required to join us. So please drop in for one of our events and monthly meetings, or connect with us online to find out more!

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CREATIVITY IS  
INTELLIGENCE  
HAVING FUN.

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## open houses

The UD DC Committee organizes a series of four consecutive weekly open houses at leading architectural and urban design firms showcasing their urban scale projects of their own selection.

Each firm takes a unique approach to presenting their work and reflecting on the UD DC theme of the year. Taken together, the open houses displayed an ambition and sensitivity to the task of citymaking, weaving together diverse project narratives with fundamental issues being faced in today's day and age.

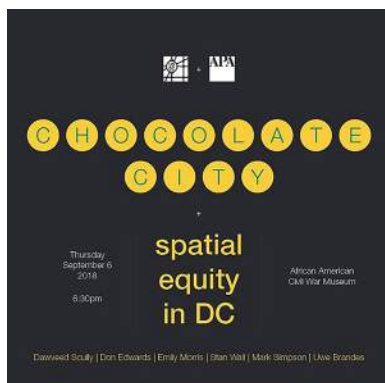




## film screening & panel events

The Urban Design Committee organizes a film screening bookended by a panel discussion focusing on the UD DC's theme of the year.

In the first part of the event, panelists engaged in a discussion about the topic. Immediately thereafter, participants enjoy the movie screening. The panelists then addressed questions from the audience with impressions from the film and implications for life in the District. These events are often held in various locations throughout the city, allowing us to discover new urban spaces and occupy them in new ways.





## idea competitions

The UD DC organizes an ideas competition that tasks participants to reflect on the changing nature of retail in contemporary city life, questioning how that change could be harnessed to improve drivers of UD DC's theme of the year.

Conceived anew each year, the competition aims to be a repository for innovative ideas surrounding each year's theme. Past topics have included reconsidering the future of urban retail and understanding how borders (both visible and invisible) shape our lives and the places we live.



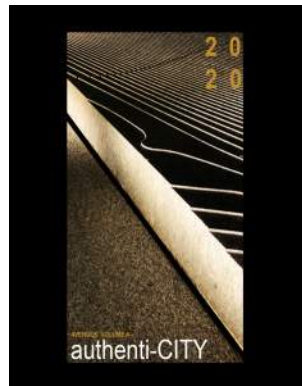
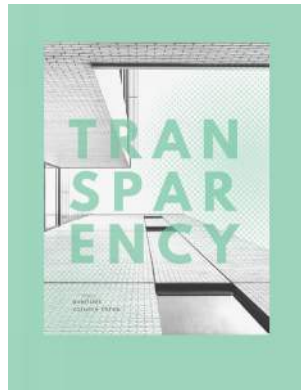




## avenues

*AVENUES*, the UD DC's annual journal, not only records the events of the past year, but primarily collects thoughtful and provocative articles focused on the year's theme. Each volume is organized into four sections: provocations, ethos, idea, and happenings.

Provocations are a series of writings that try to ask more questions than they answer, raising questions that must be grappled with in today's cities. Ethos describes how various professionals and firms approach their daily work and affect change in urban areas around the world. Ideas catalogs some of the most innovative competition entries from each year. Happenings creates a taxonomy of the events hosted by the UD DC in the past year.



# RETHINKING & VITALIZING URBAN PARKS POST COVID-19

A panel discussion on public parks, public health and path to recovery.

Tuesday, May 25th, 2021  
12.00pm - 1.00pm EDT

Panelists:



**Jon Fitch, ASLA**  
Principal, Landscape  
Architecture Bureau (LAB)



**Brent Sisco, LA**  
Capital Projects Planning &  
Design Officer / DC DRI



**Stella Tarnay**  
Co-founder and Executive  
Director of Capital Nature

Event Sponsors:



**TUE  
MAY  
25TH**  
12.00-1.00PM



## city nature challenge & Panel Discussion

The UD DC partners with ASLA Potomac chapter, Capital Nature and CNC-DC to celebrate the earth/ citizen science month and organize a week long “nature scavenger hunt”.

The competition aims at acclimating people to their natural surroundings using the iNaturalist app designed by natinal geographic. Last year the city nature challengee was followed by a panel discussion themed around rethinking & revitalizing urban parks post covid-19

DC Designers for,

### City Nature Challenge 2021

Observe: April 20th - May 3rd  
Identify: May 4th - May 9th



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Eventually everything  
connects - people,  
ideas, objects.

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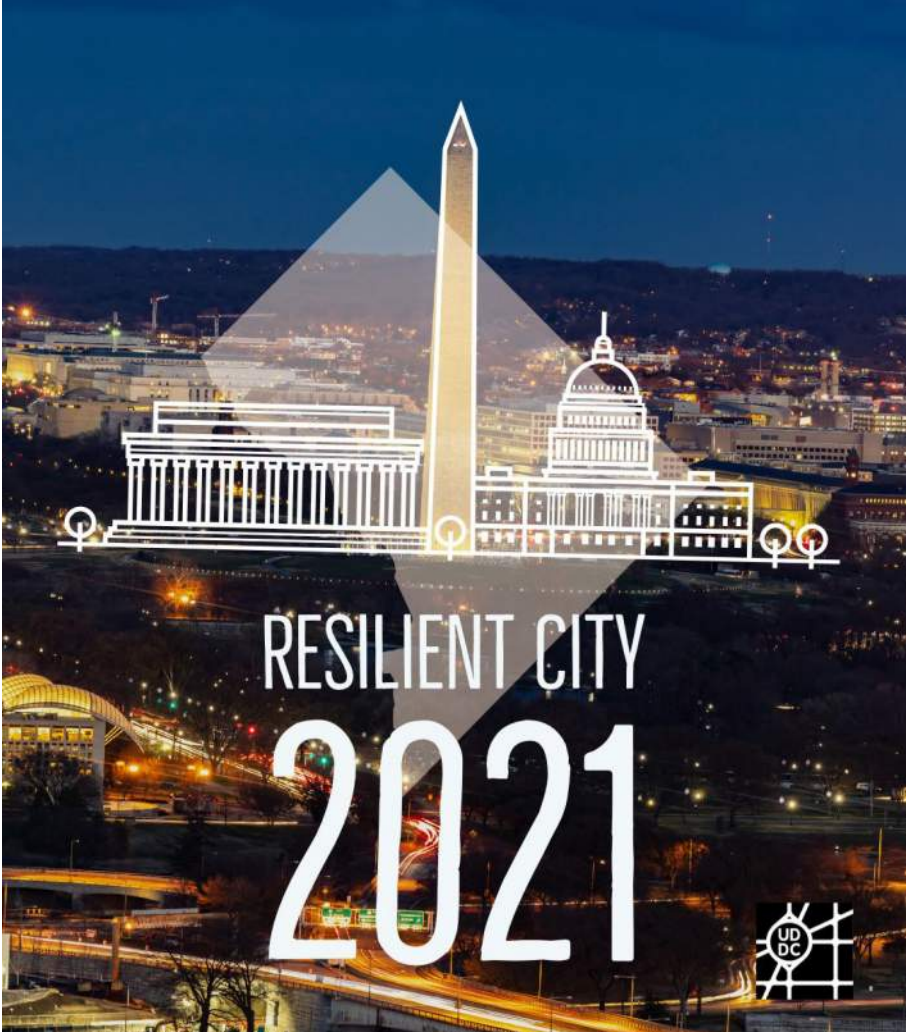
CHARLES EAMES

# 2022 theme resilient city



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## **previous themes**

2021: Happy City by Design

2020: Authenticity

2019: Urban Transparency

2018: Spatial Equity

# 2022 proposed event calendar

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## ■ JAN //

Avenues 2021 Journal Launch

## ■ FEB //

Cultural Amplifier Competition Showcase and Panel Discussion

## ■ MAR //

Portfolio & Resume Review Collaboration Event

## ■ APR //

Architectural Tours

## ■ JUL //

Film Showing & Panel Discussion

## ■ AUG //

Open Houses

## ■ SEPT //

Idea Competition 2022 Launch

## ■ DEC //

UD DC Annual Journal Design

### 2022 UD DC committee meetings

We typically host our meetings on on the last Tuesday of the month. Visit the AIA|DC calendar for more information and updates to these meetings.

**LOCATION //** Zoom Meetings (Untill futher notification)

**TIME //** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**MEETING DATES //**

JAN 25

FEB 22

MAR 29

APR 26

MAY 24

JUN 28

JUL 26

AUG 30

SEPT 27

OCT 25

NOV 29

DEC 13

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A good city is like a good party -  
people stay longer than really necessary,  
because they are  
enjoying themselves.

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JAN GEHL

A special thank you to our past partners who help us create quality events for our members.



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