

March 11, 2005

ASLA Board of Trustees
c/o Rodney Swink, FASLA
David Lycke, ASLA
HLA, Inc.
29 Leinbach Drive, Building A
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Re: Steve D. Livingston, Candidate for the ASLA LaGasse Medal 2005

Dear Mr. Swink:

Thank you for the privilege of participating in the nomination of Steve Livingston for the ASLA LaGasse Medal, a very high honor indeed.

Whereas the LaGasse Medal has traditionally been awarded to Landscape Architects and non-landscape architects in recognition for their notable contributions to the management and conservancy of natural resources, in this case it is hoped that it may also apply to urban management and conservancy of natural and cultural resources.

I've never met a person who didn't "love Charleston, South Carolina.," whether they only visited the city for a day, worked there, went to school there, or lived there, everyone loves Charleston for a multitude of reasons. Charleston is rich in history which is visually and abundantly obvious; Charlestonians have earned the distinction of being one of the nation's most hospitable cities; since the Second World War, Charleston has become an example for the nation on how to not only preserve and protect its historic buildings and open spaces, but also how to design and build new buildings and open spaces in ways compatible and complimentary to its needs and its traditional lifestyle, scale, detail and pedestrian friendly urban environment..

Steven D. Livingston, has quietly become synonymous with the qualities and pleasures that everyone has come to enjoy about the City of Charleston, especially over the past two decades. Mayor Joe Riley, nationally recognized as one of the leading mayors in setting standards and goals for livable cities across America, has enjoyed the partnership of Steve Livingston for the majority of his seven terms in office as Mayor. Steve does not seek nor does he receive recognition from the general public, he just works like a gentle giant and orchestrates the business of building, maintaining, and protecting one of America's, and the world's most respected historic cities.

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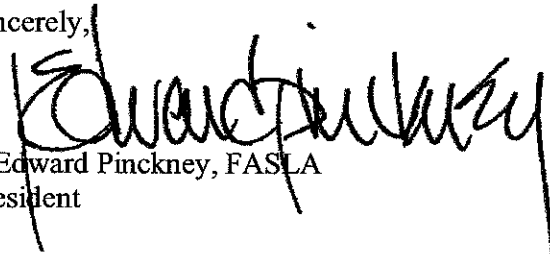
To be more specific, Steve Livingston, Landscape Architect is responsible for design, construction, and maintenance of all city gardens, parks, playgrounds, other public spaces and buildings, as well as the management and coordination of the divisions of Grounds Maintenance, Urban Forestry, Facilities, Maintenance, Electrical, Construction, Horticulture and all Capital Improvement projects. Steve is Chairman of Charleston's Design Review Committee, another model agency for America's Historic Cities to learn from.

I had the privilege of working closely with Steve on numerous projects, large and small, during the ten years we had a Landscape Architecture office in Charleston, and since. Steven D. Livingston, Landscape Architect extraordinaire for the City of Charleston, South Carolina has left a legacy for many generations to enjoy far into the future. Steve's steadfast conviction that "public spaces and facilities deserve nothing short of excellence in quality and design", his instinctive love and understanding of what makes Charleston unique and his persistence in solving the city's problems day in and day out for more than 20 years have elevated him far above the norm and it shows.

I hope you find it appropriate to give Steve Livingston the strong consideration he deserves for the ASLA LaGasse Medal 2004.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



J. Edward Pinckney, FASLA
President

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