



Local architect lends a hand to 'City by Design'

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SAN FRANCISCO — *Locally based architect Clark Manus, who will serve as the president of the American Institute of Architects in 2011, was a major contributor to the San Francisco edition of “City by Design,” a new pictorial book celebrating The City’s various forms of architecture.*

What kind of architecture is highlighted in this book? It’s a cross-section of styles from across the region, and it covers both big projects and small projects. It’s got everything from small, community bookstores to renovated existing buildings to downtown improvements. It’s an expression of what we really see in the Bay Area.

How did you become involved with the “City by Design” series? Well, I was approached by the creators of the book a little while back because I have a pretty long history with the American Institute of Architects, and they wanted someone to write a forward who was knowledgeable about The City. I really jumped at the idea because I’ve been heavily committed to seeing San Francisco develop, both as a practitioner and a citizen here.



Clark Manus (Courtesy Photo)

Is there a specific type of architecture style or motif that best defines San Francisco? Just in the way that San Francisco represents a great diversity in culture, the architecture represents a great diversity in building styles. We really run the gamut here, but we always manage to keep our designs lively. I think we’re in a dynamic place, and our designs really reflect the eclectic, always-evolving feel of The City.

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