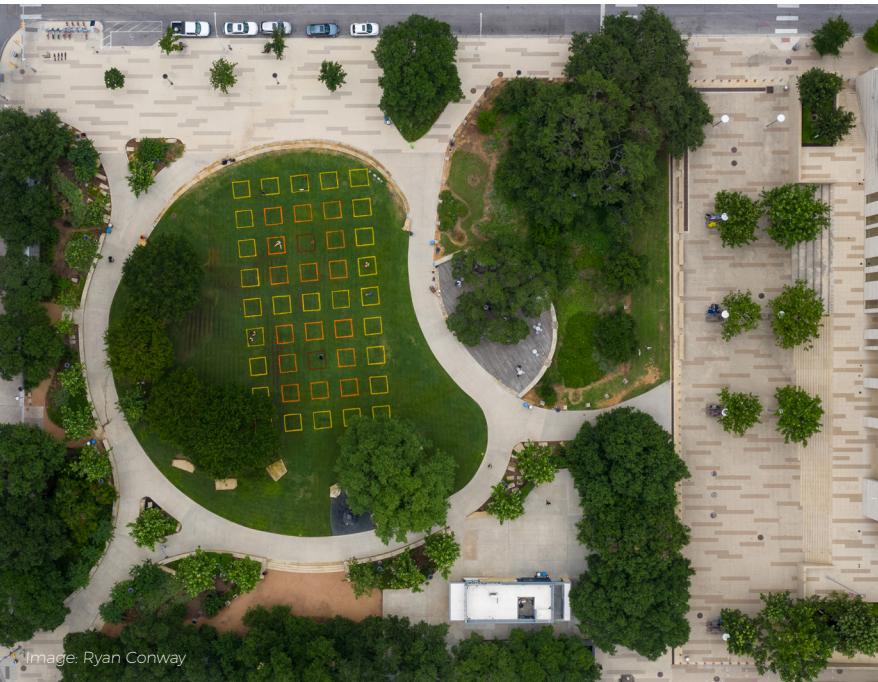




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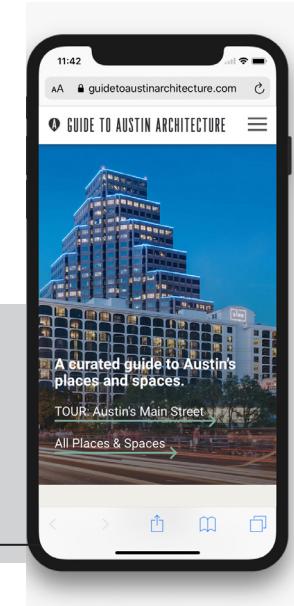
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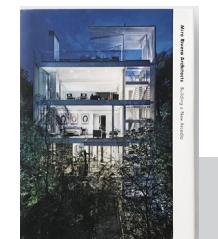
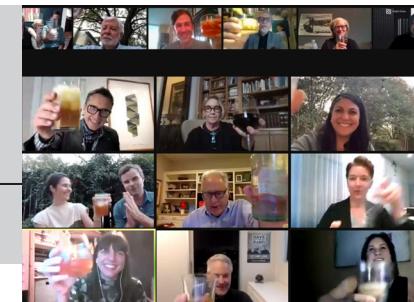
In June, the Foundation launched P A R K S P A C E, a series of interventions in Austin's parks and green spaces to help visualize social distancing guidelines. P A R K S P A C E has been installed at six sites, with some 60 AIA Austin committee volunteers helping to paint the 430 total squares. The project has received much media coverage, inspiring audiences from the regional to the international.

In September, we released the first tour for the Guide to Austin Architecture, a joint venture between the Foundation and AIA Austin that offers insight into the city's places and spaces through mobile-friendly walking tours curated by local architects, urbanists, and designers. We will add to the Guide to reflect Austin's diverse communities while exploring its singular spirit for architecture enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

Image: Bud Franck



At Form:Function, we joined AIA Austin to celebrate the AIA Austin Honor Awards. Honorees received socially distanced delivery of their awards, and were then recognized at a multimedia event at The Independent. The virtual event has been viewed more than 226 times by 121 visitors—and counting!

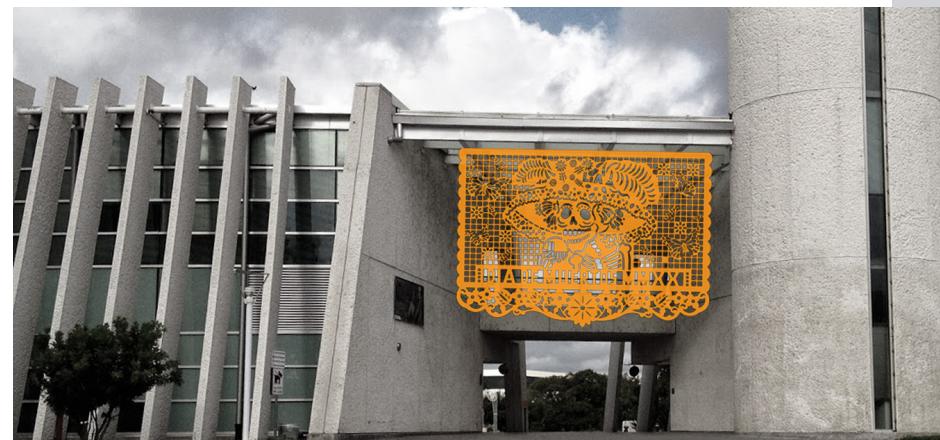


We hosted two book launch webinars by local architects: Juan Miró, FAIA, and Miguel Rivera, FAIA, discussed Miró Rivera Architects: Building a New Arcadia, which celebrates the firm's 20th anniversary and explores why people want to live in Austin (drawing 118 registrants). David Heymann, FAIA, presented his book John S. Chase—The Chase Residence, discussing Chase—the first Black registered architect in Texas—and the home he designed for his family (drawing 1352 registrants over two sessions).



Image: UT Press

We received support from the City of Austin for Las Piñatas ATX. Organized by the AIA Austin Latinos in Architecture committee with the Foundation, this program consists of large-scale, papel picado banners designed with community artists and installed at various sites of significance to East Austin's LatinX and African-American communities.



ABOUT US

The Austin Foundation for Architecture (the Foundation) is a 501c3 organization dedicated to recognizing, celebrating, and promoting the positive impact of architecture for all Austinites.

Established in 2007, we produce public programs, exhibitions, and experiences that increase appreciation of Austin's built environment. We collaborate with myriad community partners, including our sister organization AIA Austin, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Our programs are hosted at our shared home in the Austin Center for Architecture, across the city, and online—join us!

THE FOUNDATION OF THE FUTURE

- Our grant program will act as a means for collaborative programming that serves all Austinites.
- We will establish a separate scholarship/fellowship program at the K-12, college, and professional levels to continue our leadership development mission—with diversity as a key factor.
- We will continue to collaborate with other organizations and our City to be the heart of discourse and education about the power of design in Austin.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the end of a year where creativity and problem-solving took center stage, The Austin Foundation for Architecture is pleased to report the successful fulfillment of its vested mission:

- develop the general public's education, awareness, and appreciation for architecture, and promote responsible stewardship of the Central Texas environment; and
- develop sustainable architectural leadership for AIA Austin and other public, professional, and community organizations in Central Texas.

Our premier fundraising event—scheduled for March—had to be cancelled just two weeks in advance. The event was rescheduled for the fall of 2020 and reimagined as an innovative virtual event. Thanks to the creativity and dedication of the planning committee, AFA Board of Directors, and the Foundation's Staff, the event was a triumph by the standards of the day. In addition, a number of new opportunities



Image: Ryan Conway

presented themselves, were seized, and turned into active programs — notable among them being P A R K S P A C E, the launch of the web-based Guide to Austin Architecture, Las Piñatas ATX, and the hosting of two virtual book launches by David Heyman and Miró Rivera Architects, respectively.

The Foundation looks forward to expanding its impact in the future through increased programming, recruitment of new and diverse faces into its leadership, and exploring the possibilities of a thriving, Austin-based Center for Architecture — a hub for all our architecture outreach activities.

In addition to looking forward, we also want to reflect back a little bit and recognize and appreciate two individuals who have left an enduring positive mark directly on The Foundation, and indirectly on architecture enthusiasts throughout Austin: Chris Noack, AIA, and Jacqui Dodson, AIA. The Austin Foundation for Architecture will be forever grateful to the countless generosity of the time and effort they have given to this organization.



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