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COOPER CARRY Co-Founder Recognized for Lifetime Contributions to Atlanta
ULI Atlanta named Jerry Cooper the 2017 Frank Carter Community Achievement recipient

ATLANTA (September 18, 2017) – Last Thursday at its 23rd Annual Awards for Excellence Dinner at the Fox Theatre, Urban Land Institute (ULI) Atlanta bestowed Jerome (Jerry) Cooper, principal, chairman of the board and co-founder of Atlanta-based design firm COOPER CARRY, one of its highest honors: the 2017 Frank Carter Community Achievement award.

“He’s one of the godfathers of Atlanta architecture,” said Steven French, who serves as dean of the College of Design at Georgia Tech and presented Cooper with the award. “Jerry’s visionary spirit and ability to download and manufacture several complex ideas into a process that creates world-class design is unmatched. We honor his accomplishments and congratulate him on a magnificent career.”

For the past 23 years, ULI Atlanta has recognized real estate professionals and developments that exemplify its mission of providing leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities. Named for the late Frank Carter of real estate investment, development and advisory firm Carter, the award, “recognizes an individual in the development or real estate related field who has made an outstanding contribution to the Atlanta community in his or her lifetime,” according to ULI Atlanta.

Proud Georgia Tech alumni, Cooper and Walter Carry established COOPER CARRY in 1960 with the vision to create a firm focused on connective architecture – a concept that connects ideas and people to the places where they live, learn, work and play. Fifty-seven years later, Cooper remains actively involved, having received more than 100 design awards under his tenure.

“I have been witness to the growth of Atlanta from a town of modest size to a metropolitan city, and as an architect I’ve been privileged to be part of that growth,” said Cooper. “This is a new city form that is comprised of Community Improvement Districts, small cities and smaller towns each of which has its own culture, governmental entity and body politic. The commonality between each of these has not yet been recognized. The search for this commonality creates an opportunity for us in the realm of city-making. It will take individuals from a variety of different places in the private sector to come together to not just address the what and the how, but the why. I suggest to you the time is now.”

In addition, ULI Atlanta honored the Dan and Tally Sweat Community Leadership recipient Marcia Bansley, Development of Excellence recipient Parsons Alley, and project of the year recipient FlatironCity.

COOPER CARRY’s recent Atlanta area projects include Park Center, a 2017 ULI Development of Excellence Award finalist in Dunwoody; Georgia Tech’s Engineered Biosystems Building; Emory Point in Druid Hills; AC Hotel Atlanta Buckhead at Phipps Plaza; The Hotel at Avalon and Alpharetta Conference Center; the Georgia BioScience Training Center in Social Circle; North Atlanta High School and the proposed multi-modal passenger terminal in downtown Atlanta. Globally, the firm is working on projects such as the master planning of King Abdullah Economic City, which was announced in 2005 by the king of Saudi Arabia.

ABOUT COOPER CARRY

COOPER CARRY provides architecture, planning, landscape architecture, interior design, environmental graphic design and sustainability consulting services. Founded in 1960, the firm specializes in the design of corporate, education, government, hospitality, mixed-use, office, residential, restaurants, retail, science + technology, and transit projects. The firm has designed projects in 45 states and globally in the Caribbean, Middle East, Asia, Africa and Central America. Engaging a fundamental design philosophy centered on the concept that environments should connect people to people and people to place, the firm promotes the philosophy of “connective architecture.” Designers understand the local market and the specific cultural and physical contexts in which the building will serve those who interact with it while conceiving memorable spaces, inside and out. Listening to the client and gaining a deep understanding of the market and site prior to commencing design, COOPER CARRY balances passionate creativity with client service. For more information, visit coopercarry.com.

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