Jason Swanson

Business Record

The Depot at 4th

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Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear 40 Under 40 Committee,

I would like to nominate Matt Coen to be recognized as one of The Des Moines Business Record’s 40 under 40 class of 2018.

I have known Matt since the beginning of his career, just after graduating from Iowa State University with his Architecture Degree. He was involved in the design and oversight of our kitchen renovation. I was so impressed by his professionalism and knowledge, even though our kitchen renovation was one of his first projects out of university.

Since then, we have engaged Matt to work on every major home project that we have undertaken . Projects that he has designed for our home on Foster Drive include the coach house garage, our basement (office, wine cellar, home gym and bathroom), and front steps, sidewalk and outdoor bench. We are currently working together on a master bedroom addition and third floor guest suite. My husband and I have so much confidence in Matt’s designs and his technical ability that we have not hesitated to work with him on all of our renovations. Our home was built in 1924, and every project has presented unique challenges in accomplishing modern solutions and yet maintaining the architectural integrity of our old home. Matt’s designs have always accomplished both. He has a respect for old homes and their unique features. He has been able to design updates to our home which blend seamlessly with the original home.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Matt has made significant contributions to our community. His leadership with “The Avenues” project will benefit our community for decades to come! Matt’s vision for “The Avenues” project , and his ability to bring people together has been critical for the advancement of the project.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize that in addition to Matt’s professional and community accomplishments, he is a kind, compassionate, and insightful person. Matt is a joy to work with and Des Moines is fortunate to have someone so talented and devoted to our community.

Matt Coen is a very deserving candidate for the 40 Under 40 recognition. Thank you so much for considering my recommendation!

Sincerely,

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