

*Stephen Oliver* AIA | LEED AP

Stephen Oliver, AIA, brings a passion for excellence in urban design and architecture to his work as Principal at OPA Design Studio. Stephen connects the values and goals of the client with the project's design process and enables each client to understand and visualize the specific opportunities. Transparent communication is critical to success and OPA Design Studio works to promote the client's project vision while infusing an environment of open dialogue, partnership, and excellence.

Stephen has a unique and in-depth understanding of the larger context of best national design and planning practice as well as city planning in which projects are successfully designed and completed. His broad range of experience includes urban design, transit oriented development, retail, higher education, hospitality, transit facilities, custom residential, and commercial design. Prior to opening OPA Design Studio in early 2008, he was lead designer for Fiore, a leading and innovative green residential community (designed for Austin's Green Building's Five Star Rating); multiple retail projects throughout the Austin area; a guiding consultant for the City of Austin's Transit Oriented Development Planning (TOD) effort for the MLK, Lamar, and Plaza Saltillo Station Area Master Plans; and the Principal Architect in charge of the design of Holiday Inn's first green hotel, designed in accordance and to be submitted for LEED Gold.

Previously, Stephen worked both in Vail, Colorado on multiple Hospitality and Condominium Projects for clients including Ritz Carlton and East/West Partners, as well as in Austin as Project Manager for custom residential homes.

*Summary of Recent Professional Experience*

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**Urban Planning**

TOD Planning at Lamar, MLK, and Plaza Saltillo Stations | City of Austin  
Leander TOD Planning and North Burnet Gateway | Capital Metro  
Steck Mixed-Use Development | Jackson Shaw  
Parmer/Dessau Mixed Development | Dupont Group  
3rd and 4th St. Streetcar Study | Capital Metro  
Manor Road Streetcar Feasibility Study | Capital Metro  
Fiore Green Development | Vicinia

**Architecture**

904 South Lamar Offices | Third Land  
Holiday Inn, Westover Hills San Antonio (LEED) | Tao Development  
Bohls Ranch Retail | Westlake Commercial Development  
Fiore Green Development | Vicinia  
ACC Cypress Creek | Austin Community College  
Agave | Vicinia  
South 1st and Dittmar Retail | DuPont Group  
Dessau Retail | CRES

*Professional Organizations*

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American Institute Architects (AIA)

Austin AIA | 2008 President-Elect  
2007-08 Regional and Community  
Design Chair

LEED AP | USGBC

Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Austin Foundation for Architecture  
Ex-Officio Director 2008

International Code Council (ICC)

*Education*

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University of Texas at Austin  
School of Architecture

*Civic Involvement & Achievements*

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Stephen has been a key figure in the evolution and understanding of the City's ordinances as well as instrumental in notable developments throughout Central Texas.

Presidential Glen Municipal Utility  
District | Board President 2006-  
2007

City of Austin 3D Model Initiative

City of Austin PUD Ordinance  
Taskforce

Mueller Design Guidelines Taskforce