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### **EDUCATION**

Kansas State University

*M.Arch*

Ganesh Nayak is a registered architect with twenty-five years of experience in a variety of project types, including federal, mixed-use developments, multi-family housing, hospitality, education (K-12), institutional, industrial and healthcare. He has led teams in the master planning, design, code research and construction documentation of projects representing over \$400m in value. With considerable expertise in sustainability, Ganesh has been directly involved in coordinating LEED certification for many major projects totaling over four million square feet.

Ganesh holds a Master of Architecture degree from Kansas State University, and a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Bhopal University, India. He was awarded the Charles Trainor Team Award by the Savannah District of the USACE for his work of LEED program management on a major project. He also holds a Construction Quality Control Management for Contractors certificate issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has published and presented extensively on sustainability, architecture and quality management. He was a founder-editor of *34 AR*, the design magazine of AIA Kansas. Aside from work, he solves and sets cryptic crossword puzzles, and has published in two compilation books of puzzles.

### **CREDENTIALS**

- Architectural Registration, 2004 - present
- National Green Building Standards (NGBS) *Certified Verifier*, 2015 - present
- LEED AP – US Green Building Council (USGBC), 2004 - present
- USGBC GreenBuild – *Proposal Reviewer*, 2009 – present
- US Army Corps of Engineers – Construction Quality Control Management Certificate, 2011

### **SERVICE/LEADERSHIP**

- AIA Georgia, Board Member, 2018 – present (Interim Secretary 2020, Director at large: 2018, 2019).
- AIA Atlanta Committee on the Environment (COTE) – Chair, 2019, 2020; Chair, Energy and Atmosphere: 2016, 2017.
- Aspire Conference 2020: Member, Continuing Education committee.
- (Civic) State Advisory Panel, Department of Special Education, Georgia, 2015 – present. Chair: 2020-'21; Co-Chair: 2019 – '20; Member 2015 - 2019
- (Civic) Kansas Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, Member, 2002-2005
- AIA Kansas, 2000-'04: Founding Editor (Wichita) of '34 AR', design magazine of AIA Kansas. Contributed three articles.
- AIA Kansas, 2000: Founding member of Design Excellence Committee of AIA Kansas

### **AWARDS**

- Charles F. Trainor Award by the US Corps of Engineers, Savannah District – *awarded in 2010 for LEED Program Management of 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Campus, Ft Stewart, GA*

## SELECTED ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Accessibility in Urban Spaces: The Potential and Limits of Jugaad” to be published in Ekistics Journal, October/November 2020.
- “Towards Better Project Quality Control (and Firm Profitability)” presented at National Association of Minority Architects (NOMA) conference, Brooklyn, NYC, October 2019.
- “Understanding Opportunities in LEED v4.1” presented at NOMA conference, Brooklyn, NY, Oct 2019.
- “Emotional Intelligence, Disability, and Inclusion” presented at the Christopher Kelley Leadership Program, Atlanta, GA, January 2019.
- “Thinking, Building Differently for Disability” published in Design Equilibrium 2019, annual publication of AIA Atlanta.
- “Emotional Intelligence in Architectural Leadership” published in Citizen Architect, Summer 2018, publication of AIA Georgia.
- “Knowing What Architects Do and Can Do” published in Design Equilibrium 2018, annual publication of AIA Atlanta.
- “Towards a Quality Control Manifesto” published in Design Equilibrium 2017, annual publication of AIA Atlanta.
- “Thinking, Building for Disability Differently” presented at AIA South Atlantic Region Conference, Savannah, GA, Sept 2016.
- “Developing a Sustainable Action Plan and Environmental Policy for your Firm” at AIA Georgia Education Day, Macon, GA, November 2014.
- “Towards a Holistic Approach to Sustainability” at Southern Poly State University, Marietta, GA, 2009.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 – present

### **Metier Consulting, Inc., Marietta, GA**

Principal and founder of firm that provides sustainability consulting services, primarily LEED and NGBS certification of buildings, notably Icon Midtown and Icon Buckhead in Atlanta.

2009 – 2013

### **Atkins North America and Peter Brown Construction (an Atkins company), Atlanta, GA**

Senior Architect overseeing LEED program at the 4<sup>th</sup> IBC campus, Fort Stewart, GA; and design management of various federal projects. On-site Quality Control Manager for construction firm at three US Army Corps of Engineers projects on military installations in Fort Benning, GA, Fort Campbell, KY and Fort Bragg, NC.

2005 – 2009

### **Smallwood Reynolds Stewart Stewart (SRSSA), Atlanta, GA**

Project Architect for several high-rise mixed-use projects, notably Brookwood Condominiums and Buckhead Atlanta in Atlanta, GA

1997 – 2005

### **Charles F. McAfee, FAIA, NOMA, PA, Wichita, KS**

Project Manager and Architect for housing, residential, educational and institutional projects, notably Buckner Elementary and Jackson Elementary School, Wichita, KS; North Omaha Love’s Jazz Museum, Omaha, NE

1994 – 1996

### **BWBR Architects, St. Paul, MN**

Intern architect on mostly healthcare, office and industrial projects.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

1999-2004

**Butler County Community College, El Dorado, KS**

Adjunct faculty teaching courses on residential and commercial design.

1994 – present

**Studio critic**

At Kennesaw State University, University of Minnesota, and Kansas State University.

## SELECTED CLIENT RECOMMENDATIONS

*JOSEPH D. ARMSTRONG, LT. COL (RETD),*

Project Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Ft Benning, GA

“...Mr. Nayak was assigned to a team assembled by Peter Brown Construction after a turbulent phase at the beginning of the project. The previous General Contractor was terminated for contract default. Mr. Nayak and his team were instrumental in the successful turn-around of the project. Due to his efforts working with the new team, the customer at Fort Benning received a quality facility on schedule. Both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and customer at Fort Benning were extremely pleased with outcome of this facility.

During my management of the project, I found Ganesh to be a highly skilled professional, with high level of expertise in building. I found him very responsive to the Corps' needs and requests. He was always reliable and operated with high integrity. He rallied all the sub-contractors and worked very well with them with a highly positive attitude. The close-out documents that he produced for the project were the best I have seen compared with all contractors I worked with. Ganesh was also instrumental in ascertaining that the LEED certifiability mandate for the facility was achieved easily”. (2013)

*JIM WOODCOX*

Partner and EVP, Ben Carter Properties, Atlanta, GA

“For the past two years I have worked closely with Ganesh Nayak on the Streets of Buckhead project...Ganesh was one of the first architects associated with the project and remained a central, full time figure on the team as the project transitioned into construction. Along with his role of Project Architect, he was also heavily involved in the municipal process and in invaluable assistance with regard to permitting and zoning matters. As a result of the close working relationships Mr. Nayak fostered at the City of Atlanta, the project avoided many unnecessary delays.

I am indebted to Ganesh for his unwavering attention to detail, his consistent professionalism, and the delightful positive energy he brought to the Streets of Buckhead project”. (2009)

*JULIE HEDRICK*

Director of Facilities, USD 259, Wichita, KS

“...(having) administered the architectural design services for the Wichita Public Schools' \$284m bond issue,...(hiring) practically every architectural firm in the City of Wichita to perform architectural services for us,..I am in a unique situation to evaluate Wichita's architects.

I have had much contact with Ganesh Nayak as we worked very closely on one particular project. I always found Ganesh to be customer-oriented, responsive to the client, cooperative with contractors and capable in managing projects and people. I found Ganesh to have excellent communication skills and to have an attitude of teamwork in accomplishing various tasks...(He seemed to have) had responsibility for and experience in every capacity within architectural professional practice. He seemed to function as an owner or a partner within the firm rather than simply an employee.

All in all, I have appreciated working with Ganesh and offer a recommendation without hesitation.” (2005)