

12 MOUNT SOPHIA (TOWER HOUSE)

2024 Special Mention

Located at the top of Mount Sophia, the unique and eclectic architectural gem has been sensitively re-purposed as a clubhouse for a new community of residents. This project demonstrates the team's technical competency and resourcefulness in finding creative solutions to meet standard regulatory requirements.

Tiered planters were used instead of railings to satisfy the vertical drop requirement, maintaining the building's original exterior. Strengthening of the original staircase and attainment of hard-won waivers from technical agencies also enabled the retention of most historic interior elements. Together with thoughtful landscaping, subtle night lighting and retention of natural ventilation at the foyer and octagonal shaped veranda, one can experience what it was like, living here in the past.

Besides a maintenance guide, the house has a heritage alley which highlights its history and, in the attic, a panoramic view with write-ups on significant landmarks visible from the high vantage point. An impressive 6-metre-long heritage interpretation panel on the exterior is additional commendable effort to generate social impact beyond its residents and engage the wider community to keep the legacy of the house alive.

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