

Today's News - Tuesday, August 4, 2009

- Weinstein's Words That Build Tip #17: Shape dialogues with clients to catalyze designs promoting clear meanings of human relationships in proposed spaces.
- The Urban Institute issues a report about what the federal government can do to foster both vibrant neighborhoods and successful schools.
- New Orleans Index 4th Anniversary Edition: the region still faces major challenges.
- Detroit has big (and small) plans to narrow its "green gap" (including large-scale urban farming).
- Experts discuss urban infrastructure: to be globally competitive in the future, cities and regions must change the way they develop now.
- Evolution + creation = biomimicry, an emerging field that is changing the way we think about our built environment.
- A woman with a mission: to create a National Design Policy - a great idea, but a bit "like trying to hog-tie a whale."
- Moss on a mission: "If we could do for L.A. urbanism in the 21st century what we did for L.A. architecture in the 20th."
- Another Barbican - this one in Johannesburg - has preservationists in a tizzy as they watch it "lurch further and further towards 'demolition by neglect'" (the owners' have a restoration plan, but it doesn't include being able to actually use the building - doesn't that sound smart!).
- A mid-century modern house in Durham, NC, needs to find a "loving owner" or it will become "a prime tear-down target" (and you don't need a million dollars, either).
- Good news for a New Orleans neighborhood: permission not granted to demolish a historic church building (though the Archdiocese is not pleased).
- The historic Hawaiian Hall in Honolulu's Bishop Museum is ready for its close-up after a three-year make-over.
- Baillieu on why we might be seeing more master plans on future Stirling Prize shortlists: it will probably scorch architects, but it's not a bad thing.
- Winners all: AIA honors three projects with National Healthcare Design Awards; and AIA/Los Angeles honors its own.
- Call for papers: 48th International Making Cities Livable Conference on True Urbanism: Planning Healthy, and Child-Friendly Communities.
- Call for entries: 2010 Benjamin Moore Hue Awards.

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WORDS THAT BUILD Tip #17: Shape dialogues with clients to catalyze designs promoting clear meanings of human relationships in proposed spaces. By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow

Report: Vibrant Neighborhoods, Successful Schools: What the Federal Government Can Do to Foster Both -- The Urban Institute- Brookings Institution

The New Orleans Index Anniversary Edition: Four Years after Katrina...the region still faces major challenges due to blight, unaffordable housing, and vulnerable flood protection. [links]- Brookings Institution

Plan to narrow Detroit's 'green gap' includes recycling, urban farming: A recent study...indicates that Detroit has enough vacant land to grow 76% of the vegetables and 42% of the fruits consumed by city residents...Non-Motorized Master Plan advocates creating hundreds of miles of bike lanes and other greenways. - Crain's Detroit Business

Philadelphia doesn't need crystal ball: Cities and regions that will be globally competitive in the future must change the way they develop now, said a group of national and local experts [in a] discussion of urban infrastructure... -- Marilyn Jordan Taylor; Alex Krieger/Chan Krieger Sieniewicz; Trent Lethco/Arup [links to videos]- PlanPhilly

Evolution meets creation: ...biomimicry...where the emerging field has the potential for the greatest impacts...is in changing the way we think about our built environment—not only in designing individual building products, but in conceiving of entire communities as biomimetic systems... -- Biomimicry Venture Group/Paul Hawken/Janine Benyus; Biomimicry Guild; AskNature.org; Biomimicry Institute; HOK; ZGF Architects - Sustainable Industries Journal

Once More with Feeling: A National Design Policy: Like reforming health care, it's a marvelous idea, but pulling off something so radical yet sensible is like trying to hog-tie a whale. Where on earth do you start? By Bradford McKee -- Elizabeth Tunstall-Change Observer

Eric Owen Moss wants to piece together L.A.'s fragments: The architect hopes his latest projects will help bring the city closer to a new vision...a challenge that's on his mind a lot these days -- "If we could do for L.A. urbanism in the 21st century what we did for L.A. architecture in the 20th." By Scott Timberg [slide show]- Los Angeles Times

Another promise made on Barbican: Heritage stakeholders have called the neglect of the historic Barbican a "disgrace". But the owners have come up with another restoration plan...this does not mean that the building will be available for occupation...heritage community has watched [it] lurch further and further towards "demolition by neglect" -- Obel & Obel (1931); Fee & Challis Architecture- City of Johannesburg (South Africa)

Exemplary Mid-Century House Endangered in Durham, NC: 1958 John and Binford Carr residence...in danger of demolition..."We're putting out a national alert to find a loving owner...Its location on a golf course coupled with an available lot next door makes this a prime tear-down target." -- Kenneth McCoy Scott; Lewis Clarke; Triangle Modernist Houses - dBusiness News

Committee won't allow historic church building to be demolished: ...has voted to deny Archdiocese of New Orleans a permit to demolish the historic Annunciation Catholic Church in the St. Roch neighborhood. [video link]- WWL-TV (Louisiana)

Artifact intact: Architects modernize Hawaiian Hall in the Bishop Museum without losing its historic nature -- Ralph Appelbaum Associates; Mason Architects- Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Masterplan for the future: Stirling Prize has already swayed from its origins, so why not include masterplans? While this time round Liverpool One looks odd, in future years it may be buildings that look odd on the Stirling shortlist + for those who care

about raising quality, the Homes & Communities Agency's (HCA) tough stance on design is an important step forward. By Amanda Baillieu- BD/Building Design (UK)

AIA Selects Three Projects for National Healthcare Design Awards: Examples showcase the best of healthcare building design and health design-oriented research. -- Mahlum; Perkins+Will/Petersen Kohlberg & Associates; HKS- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

AIA/Los Angeles Awards: Michael Rotondi/RoTo Architecture, Daly Genik win AIA/LA's Presidential Awards -- AC Martin Partners; Sylvia Lavin; Frances Anderton; William Krisel; Mia Lehrer + Associates; etc.- Los Angeles Times

Call for papers: 48th International Making Cities Livable Conference on True Urbanism: Planning Healthy, and Child-Friendly Communities (Charleston, SC, October 17-21, 2010); deadline for abstracts: November 15- International Making Cities Livable (IMCL)

Call for entries: 2010 Benjamin Moore Hue Awards; cash prizes; no entry fee; deadline: October 9- Benjamin Moore

HEAT Rises Down Under Despite the Economy: Queensland's New Wave of Environmental Architects. By Debra Pickrel [images]- ArchNewsNow



-- Construction start: OMA/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: MahaNakhon, Bangkok, Thailand
-- Kengo Kuma & Associates: Hoshakuji Station, Takanezawa, Japan

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