

Today's News - Wednesday, June 26, 2013

- Newberg cheers examples of tactical urbanism, "a fairly low-cost way to demonstrate, temporarily, the potential for long-term change."
- Q&A with a Turkish architect, whose firm is documenting Gezi Park's temporary structures, re: "architecture's power to provide social commentary in the hand's of amateurs, and why what happened in Takism Square is only the beginning."
- Woodman talks to Duany, who is "trying to import his radical view of urbanism" from Miami to Scotland, and "his enthusiasm for design codes": "We're not working with good designers but with builders. Acres of great architecture can be very oppressive."
- Litt lights up about a small marina project on Cleveland's lakefront: it may be small, but it's an "important step for a city starved for high-quality recreational access to its waterfronts."
- Rawsthorn rides one of Copenhagen's Cycle Super Highways to find out if they're really as good as they sound: "I've learned the hard way to be suspicious whenever politicians promise to do anything bike-friendly" - her conclusion: "they're great."
- Goodyear rounds up "10 brilliant pieces of bike infrastructure" (no, they're not all in Copenhagen and Amsterdam).
- Meanwhile, Jaffe parses NYC's "double standard on NIMBYism" when it comes to two transit projects: Citi Bike vs. the 2nd Avenue subway.
- Impressive shortlists in the running for the new U.S. Embassy in Beirut, and the new Olympic HQ on the shores of Lake Geneva.
- Three finalists in the PXSTL Competition vie for the chance to re-imagine and develop a vacant lot in the St. Louis Cultural District.
- Welton spends some quality time with Harmon, who "believes that every building offers lessons to be learned - and that the best way to absorb them is to sketch."
- Winners of the new Holland Prize are recognized for the best single-sheet, measured drawing of a historic building, site, or structure.
- ICAA's Gunther remembers Henry Hope Reed, "the contrarian classicist."
- Handler brings forth videos of eloquent tributes by some notable names paid to Colin Rowe at a memorial program in 2000 (better late than never!).
- One we couldn't resist: eyefuls of 15 famous architects' homes: "where these artists lived themselves is rarely a discussion."
- Call for entries: Fentress Global Challenge 2013: "Upcycled Architecture" International Student Competition (cash prizes, no fee!).

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Tactical Urbanism Builds Better Blocks and Streets: It's a fairly low-cost way to demonstrate, temporarily, the potential for long-term change...or can catalyze plans that have been languishing...not only ignores "why?" in favor of "why not?" but shows you "Why not?" in a tangible way. By Sam Newberg- Citiwire

Architecture firm creates blog to document Gezi Park's temporary structures: Q&A with Hayrettin Günç about architecture's power to provide social commentary in the hand's of amateurs, and why what happened in Takism Square is only the beginning. -- Herkes İçin Mimarlık (Architecture for All) [images]- Wired

Andrés Duany and the new enlightenment: ...trying to import his radical view of urbanism from Miami to the Moray Firth: ...in Scotland, DPZ's advocacy of coding has been received sympathetically..."We're not working with good designers but with builders. Acres of great architecture can be very oppressive." By Ellis Woodman- BD/Building Design (UK)

New marina at North Coast Harbor will be a welcome step toward Cleveland's lakefront of the future: The project is a small but important step for a city starved for high-quality recreational access to its waterfronts. By Steven Litt -- Paul Volpe/City Architecture; SmithGroupJJR; EEK [images]- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Bicycle Lanes for Multitudes: Denmark embellishes its thoughtfully made cycling routes...Cycle Super Highways...part of Copenhagen's efforts to become carbon-neutral by 2025. Are they as good as they sound? I've learned the hard way to be suspicious whenever politicians promise to do anything bike-friendly...Judging by my experience of the Farum route, they're great. By Alice Rawsthorn [images]- New York Times

10 Brilliant Pieces of Bike Infrastructure: Super-highways, car-shaped holding pens, and more. By Sarah Goodyear [images, videos]- The Atlantic Cities

New York's Double Standard on NIMBYism: A tale of two transit projects: Citi Bike vs. the 2nd Avenue subway...whatever progress New York has made against transit NIMBYism seems compromised by its simultaneous concessions to elitism...Benefiting thousands instead of appeasing a select few should be the aim of every city... By Eric Jaffe [imges, links]- The Atlantic Cities

Initial Design Team Shortlist Announced for New U.S. Embassy in Beirut -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Mack Scogin Merrill Elam/AECOM; Morphosis Architects; Rafael Viñoly Architects; Steven Holl Architects; Yazdani Studio- U.S. Department of State

Amanda Levete and Farshid Moussavi make Olympic HQ shortlist: The International Olympic Committee has announced a 12 strong shortlist to design its new headquarters on the shores of Lake Geneva in Lausanne, Switzerland. -- Jean Marc IBOS - Myrto Vitart; XDGA - Xaveer De Geyter Architecten; Brasil Arquitetura; Groupe 3 Architectes S.N.C; Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects; OMA; Nieto Sobejano Arquitectos; PIUARCH; 3XN; Diller Scofidio + Renfro- BD/Building Design (UK)

Three Finalists Selected for PXSTL Competition: Launched by the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts...invited designers, architects, and artists to re-imagine and develop a vacant lot in the St. Louis Cultural District. -- Rebar; Freecell Architecture; Oscar Tuazon- ArchDaily

Frank Harmon believes in learning by sketching: ...believes that every building offers lessons to be learned - and that the best way to absorb them is to sketch..."Which of us wakes up at night with a laptop to make a sketch? ...Part of the magic of drawing is that we discover the unexpected as we draw." By J. Michael Welton [images]- News & Observer (North Carolina)

Library of Congress Announces Holland Prize Winners: ...in cooperation with the National Park Service and Architectural Record...a new prize for the best single-sheet, measured drawing of an historic building, site or structure... -- Thad Heckman; Akanksha (Niki) Rao; Laura Beth Ingle; Coby Vardy [images]- Architectural Record

Obit> Henry Hope Reed, 1915-2013: the contrarian classicist: His personal classical solution was narrowly rule-bound but his driving civic hope was unlimited. By Paul Gunther/Institute of Classical

Colin Rowe: A Memorial program was held on February 6, 2000, at The Carnegie Institution of Washington, DC.; speakers included: Robert Maxwell; Judith DiMaio for John Hejduk; Peter Eisenman; Michael Spens; Tom Beeby; Grahame Shane; Fred Koetter; Rodolfo Machado; etc. By Philip Handler [videos]- Fly on the Wall Productions

Frank Lloyd Wright, Alden B. Dow And 13 Other Famous Architects' Homes: ...where these artists lived themselves is rarely a discussion. -- Philip Johnson; Walter Gropius; Frank Gehry; Zaha Hadid; Sean Godsell; Günther Domenig; Vanna Venturi/Robert Venturi; John Henry; Dominic Stevens; Ricardo Bofill; Terunobu Fujimori; Susanne Nobis; Ray & Charles Eames [images, links] - Huffington Post

Call for entries: Fentress Global Challenge 2013: "Upcycled Architecture" International Student Competition: exploration of future design possibilities in public architecture; cash prizes, exhibition; no fee; registration deadline: December 19 (submission deadline: January 16, 2014)- Fentress Architects

Review: "False Solution" by Oren Safdie: The third in Safdie's series of plays about architects and architecture makes its world premiere at La MaMa in Manhattan (only a few days left to see it!). By Kristen Richards - ArchNewsNow.com

Some Pointed Architectural Queries for Three Connoisseurs of Albert Speer's Monumental Classicism on the Occasion of the Re-publication of "Albert Speer: Architecture 1932-1942" by Leon Krier. By Norman Weinstein -- Robert A.M. Stern; Witold Rybczynski - ArchNewsNow

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