Today's News - August 3, 2005

EDITORS NOTE: There was a technical glitch (faulty URL) to yesterday's link for SMPS August '05 Build Business, so we lead with it again today - with correct link. --

In Auckland, big plans for a new town based on social, environment, and economic sustainability. -- Paramatta's "urban heart" gets a long-overdue jumpstart. -- A "civic investor" sees new urbanism as key to a new development in Florida. -- In Hoboken, NJ, a gentrification project builds around artists instead of evicting them for a "culturally anchored" neighborhood. -- L.A. moves to limit McMansion behemoths. -- A call for New York City to pay for parks with developer impact fees (other cities do it). -- The battle over Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium is only just beginning. -- A Salt Lake City modernist library may not have the flash of the new, but deserves preservation. -- Cleveland courthouse renovation brings back its majesty. -- New Detroit airport terminal design is "mainstream modernist tradition" rather than flamboyant. -- Kent State has new architecture dean. -- DX National Design Conference in Toronto in October. -- AIA's $100,000 Latrobe Fellowship funds research to examine the link between healthcare design and healing rates.

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Shape of Flat Bush's future mapped out: ...the last greenfields development in urban Auckland... will house about 40,000 people... three levels sustainability - social, environment and economic. -- Warren and Mahoney; Jones Coulter Young; Boffa Miskell- New Zealand Herald

Jumpstart for an urban heart: Plans are afoot to restore vigour to the heritage core of Parramatta... seeing an urban place as an urban place, rather than a cash cow, is something of a turnaround for this city. By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

New urbanism is key strategy for 'civic investor': Henry Rodriguez pitches pedestrian-friendliness as the selling point for a $150 million plan in Osprey. -- DSDG- Herald-Tribune (Florida)

Gentrifying Without Evicting the Artists: In Hoboken a developer is trying to entice artists to remain while a new "culturally anchored" neighborhood is built around them. - New York Times

When big is too big, even in L.A.: The city approves one neighborhood's move to block mammoth homes on small plots. - Christian Science Monitor

Real Estate Developers Should Help Pay for Parkland: Many communities... require developers to donate land or pay in-lieu fees to help governments acquire parkland. Maybe it's time for New York to create a developer exaction program, too. By Peter Hamik/Trust for Public Land- Gotham Gazette

Kennedy Center Plaza Is Postponed: Unfunded by Congress, $650 million, 10-year Project on Indefinite Hold... city is on the verge of losing another choice project by an internationally renowned architect. -- Rafael Viñoly; Gehry; Foster- Washington Post

A monumental disaster: ...the battle over the Mann Audtorium is only beginning... The pioneer of the struggle, Esther Zandberg, revealed... plans in Haaretz, bringing the subject up for a public discussion that the municipality had wanted to prevent. By Hillel Schocken - Dov Carmi/Zee'ev Rechter (1957); Ram Carmi; Danny Kaiser- Ha'aretz (Israel)

Old library has its share of defenders: Worth saving? Some argue the 40-year-old building lacks flash but has architectural significance -- Edwards and Daniels (1965)[images]- Salt Lake Tribune (Utah)

Renovated Old Federal Building a landmark case:...radiates the majesty of the central government. By Steven Litt – Arnold W. Brunner (1910); Westlake Reed Leskosky- Cleveland Plain Dealer

New [Detroit Metro Airport] terminal has functional look:...will be a modest, tight-budget contrast to the larger, more flamboyant McNamara Terminal...unified building in the mainstream modernist tradition. By John Gallagher – Gensler; Hamilton Anderson Associates; Ghafari Associates [link to images]- Detroit Free Press

Toronto architect named dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at Kent State University. By Steven Litt – Steven Fong/Kirkland Partnership- Cleveland Plain Dealer


AIA College of Fellows Awards 2005 Latrobe Fellowship to Chong Partners, Kaiser Permanente, and University of California at Berkeley; $100,000 Grant Will Fund Research to Examine the Link between Healthcare Facility Design and Faster Healing Rates in Patients- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

-- Santiago Calatrava: Fordham Spire, Chicago
-- Moshe Safdie: Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum, Jerusalem
-- Pugh + Scarpa: Solar Umbrella, Venice, California

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