

Today's News - Tuesday, June 17, 2008

- U.S./U.K. report: British urban policy innovations hold lessons America and its "lack of bold, strategic thinking."
- In his own words: Terry Farrell hales the talent involved, but Edinburgh's design champion fears the city's waterfront is being "master planned to death."
- Pearman sees a hint of reference to "social housing of yesteryear" in Cullinan's Bristol Harbourside (and it's not a bad thing).
- An architect and a developer call for less red tape and loopholes and more innovation to create better housing for Seattle.
- Hume hales plans to make Toronto's Bloor Street more pedestrian friendly.
- NYC to experiment with turning a swath of Manhattan into a car-free zone for 3 Saturdays (not all are thrilled).
- The fate of Rudolph's Riverview High will be decided today.
- Kamin on hopes - and fears - for two Sullivan buildings after Cedar Rapids flood.
- The fate of not just Robin Hood Gardens could tell "future generations something about the way we have lived, or worked, or dreamed of living."
- Holburne Museum addition alternative called "irrelevant," but presses ahead.
- Foster's Park Ave. plans scaled wayyyy back (pix tell what we think is the sad story; since when are 5 stories considered a "tower," we wonder).
- On a brighter note, San Antonio's McNay Museum addition is "an art form in itself."
- A brownfield in Leeds to get "The Works."
- New AIA report examines the effectiveness and challenges of green building incentive options.
- BBC lights up London's night sky with a memorial to journalists.
- Next week is Bucky's week in NYC.
- How BIM is improving communications between architects and engineers.
- 2008 ULI/FT Sustainable Cities Awards winners announced.

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[Smarter, Stronger Cities: UK Urban Policy Innovations and Lessons for the United States: ...stands in contrast to the lack of bold, strategic thinking at the US federal level that could unleash the potential of American cities and metropolitan areas. -- Centre for Cities/Brookings Institution](#)- Brookings Institution

[It's a shore thing: Terry Farrell, Edinburgh's design champion, believes the city's waterfront could provide it with a third identity...the area is being 'masterplanned to death'...number of talented masterplanners at work for individual landowners is staggering... -- Llewellyn Davies; Foster + Partners; Make; Robert Adam; RTKL; RMJM; Zone architects; GrossMax \[images\]](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[What's bred in the bone: Look closely at Edward Cullinan Architects' housing at Bristol Harbourside, and you might just detect a hint of Lasdun, as mentored by Lubetkin, who worked for Jean Ginsburgh...Can market-led, value-engineered developments of today somehow manage to reference the social housing of yesteryear? By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Op-Ed: Good design requires innovation: Town homes don't have to be ugly and dampen the human spirit...Bad design and laziness are the real problem...The city, in cooperation with developers and architects, must be willing to lead with innovation and purpose -- not red tape and loopholes. By Graham Black/gProjects and Brad Khouri/b9 architects](#)- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[Now we'll all be able to walk the walk on Bloor St.: ...will finally start to look like what it is -- a major urban destination...a \\$20 million plan that will transform Bloor...into a precinct that is more pedestrian friendly than ever, with a vastly enhanced public realm. By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

[On 3 Days in August, City Will Try No-Car Zone: ...create a car-free zone on three Saturdays in August, along a 6.9-mile stretch of streets through Manhattan...](#)- New York Times

[Rudolph Routed Again? Last-ditch plea to save Sarasota's Riverview High School -- Diane Lewis; RMJM Hiller; Beckelman + Capalino; Atelier Ten; Prudon/DOCOMOMO US \[images, links\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Louis Sullivan bank in Cedar Rapids likely sustains flood damage; Sullivan-designed church okay. Preservationists held out hope that damage to the original historic features of the bank, originally known as the Peoples Savings Bank, was not severe. By Blair Kamin \[images\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Building blocks: ...Bath Mill in Mansfield - in theory protected by its Grade II listing - has just been demolished...Great Northern Hotel is under threat...deliberating the future of the Robin Hood Gardens...buildings could have told future generations something about the way we have lived, or worked, or dreamed of living. -- Peter and Alison Smithson](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Holburne Museum alternative presses ahead: Museum has accused the Bath Heritage Watchdog \(BHW\) of wasting tax-payers' money by pursuing listed building permission for an "irrelevant" alternative to Eric Parry's already-approved modernist extension. -- Martin Farrell](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Upper East Side Tower Plan Significantly Scaled Back: ...a new, substantially shortened tower above the Parke-Bernet Gallery...a five-story residential tower with an additional level of set-back penthouses at 980 Madison Ave. -- Foster + Partners \[images\]](#)- New York Sun

[Architecture of Stieren Center at the McNay Art Museum an art form in itself: ...an unapologetically modern structure with a translucent ceiling and the imprint of a well-known French architect. -- Atlee B. Ayres \(1920s\); Ford Powell & Carson; Jean-Paul Viguier \[images, links\]- San Antonio Express-News](#)

[Plans for former chemicals site move forward: ...major mixed-use scheme...'The Works', will see 942,000 sq ft developed and is predicted to have an end-value of around £230m...represents a 'true mixed use' urban regeneration... -- Carey Jones-TheBusinessDesk.com \(UK\)](#)

[AIA Report Examines Effectiveness, Challenges and Best Examples of Green Building Incentive Options- American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)

[MacCormac Jamieson Prichard lights up the night sky in tribute to fallen journalists: ...last night...'Breathing' light sculpture at BBC Broadcasting House, central London was switched on for the first time. -- Jaume Plensa \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[A 3-Wheel Dream That Died at Takeoff: Buckminster Fuller, who always saw the Dymaxion, as he saw much of the world, as a kind of provisional prototype, a mere sketch, of the glorious, eventual future. + The Love Song of R. Buckminster Fuller \[images, links\]- New York Times](#)

[From blueprint to database: Aircraft and cars are designed using elaborate digital models. Now the same idea is being applied to buildings...BIM can also dramatically improve the communication and co-ordination between architects and engineers. -- Grimshaw, Frank Gehry, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); HOK Sport \[images\]- The Economist \(UK\)](#)

[Nine Global Winners Chosen for 2008 Urban Land Institute/Financial Times \[ULI/FT\] Sustainable Cities Awards -- Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); BNIM Architects- Urban Land Institute \(ULI\)](#)



[-- Ground broken: Arquitectonica: Trinity Place, San Francisco](#)
[-- Under construction: Reiser + Umemoto: O-14, Dubai.](#)

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