Today’s News - Tuesday, September 15, 2009

- Carson ponders the great divide in sustainability efforts: Do we nationalize and centralize sustainable policies or do we individualize and decentralize them? By Richard Carson - ArchNewNow

- Campbell pays tribute to Joan Goody, as we lose "an important public advocate for good design."

- An intriguing list of the 100 Top Urban Thinkers, "some of the brightest, most influential and most controversial figures in the development of cities and places" (bios included).

- Hume cheers on a Torontonian appointed to CABE, and bemoans Canada's inability (or lack of will) to make urban design a national priority.

- RIBA launches a manifesto for architecture and urges political parties to adopt it in policies in the upcoming general election.

- Q&A with social ecologist Stephen Kellert, who explains what we can learn from cathedrals, why flowers in a hospital can heal, and how green design can boost a business's bottom line.

- The New Acropolis Museum "pays subtle homage to the Doric landmark and landscape through a monolithic minimalism" (with only a few caveats).

- He strikes a very different tone for new Atlantic Yards arena design: wrapping it in steel basketry "is just another way to dress up a turkey... architectural flimflam" (ouch!).

- Davidson x 3: two thumbs-up's for Cooper Union's new academic building that "merges showmanship with sensitivity"; and the New Amsterdam Plein and Pavilion - the architect "delivered on his profession's promise to ennoble a patch of public space."

- The arena designers faced a skeptical crowd at their presentation yesterday.

- For the new Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, the architects gave the patients and their families seats at the drafting table + great slide show.

- Designs for new libraries in New Orleans find inspiration in the city's history, with hopes they "will help spark optimism and new life in their respective neighborhoods."

- A sporting kind of day: University of Minnesota's new stadium succeeds on all counts; and University of Texas picks design team for a new athletics complex in San Antonio.

- Critics and supporters argue whether Bethlehem Steel building should be torn down to make way for SteelStacks arts center (it's pretty clear who will win).

- Call for entries: Peace Pentagon International Competition: re-imagine a hub of peace-promoting activism in NYC.

- Call for speakers: LIGHTFAIR 2010 in Las Vegas next May.

- A good reason to be in NYC 9/17-20: Conflux Festival 2009: a festival for contemporary psychogeography and the creative exploration of urban public space.
TCF Bank Stadium: This one's for U: When University of Minnesota officials brainstormed about what its new stadium should look like, a vision emerged: A mix of past and future, a look evoking a traditional college setting, a homage to its home state. They succeeded on all counts. -- Populous (formerly HOK Sport)- Minneapolis Star Tribune

UTSA awards athletic complex design contract to San Antonio, Dallas firms: University of Texas at San Antonio is a step closer to breaking ground on the first phase of planned $84 million UTSA Competitive Athletics Complex. -- HKS; Overland Partners Architects- San Antonio Business Journal

Critics, supporters argue whether Bethlehem Steel building should be torn down to make way for SteelStacks arts center: Three architects say the building...can't be converted into usable space....- The Morning Call (Pennsylvania)

Call for entries: Peace Pentagon International Competition: A Call to Action: re-imagine and rebuild this hub of peace-promoting activism since the 1960s in New York City; cash prizes; registration deadline: November 1- Friends of 339

Call for Speakers: LIGHTFAIR 2010 in in Las Vegas next May; deadline: October 2- LIGHTFAIR International (LFI)

Conflux Festival 2009: The art and technology festival for contemporary psychogeography and the creative exploration of urban public space; New York City, September 17-20- Glowlab

WORDS THAT BUILD Tip #18: Introduce Words that "Float" into the Flow of Communications with Clients: Replace prescriptive words and phrases "etched in stone" with language reflecting a collaborative project in flux. By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow

-- Competition winner: BIG: National Library, Astana, Kazakhstan
-- Book: "Le Corbusier in His Own Words" - An introduction for children by Antoine Vigne

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