

Today's News - Wednesday, November 7, 2012

- Badger and Mathis offer 8 post-election urban policy ideas "the president should feel more than free to steal," with hopes that "someone on Obama's team will print out and tape to their forehead. Heck, why stop there: you can do it, too!"
- McKee talks to a number of architects and landscape architects involved in MoMA's "Rising Currents" to find out how some of their existing NYC waterfront parks fared, post-Sandy - it seems most actually had "a good amount of surge resistance baked into them."
- A few amazing images of Hurricane Sandy's havoc on NYC architecture (Nouvel's carousel is quite a site/sight!).
- An Auckland councilman visits Vienna, Copenhagen, Bilbao, and Vancouver to bring home lessons in how to make his city the world's most livable: "we have much to learn from them, in terms of their progress and commitment to bold strategies."
- Farrelly on Sydney's incomprehensible drive for another massive road project: "Can anyone still think that environment and economy are foes, instead of short-term and long-term views of the same thing?"
- A fascinating analysis of what went (and is still going) wrong with city planning in Lusaka, Zambia.
- Sebag-Montefiore's take on China's "bold and unapologetic" architecture: there's a down-side: "Beijing's skyline is being shaped by politics, leading to poor urban planning and questionable construction standards" (and walls fall down).
- Dunlop has high hopes this may change as architectural education in China (slowly) shifts from "emphasis on repetition, copying and memory," though it may take some time as "history and built tradition are recognized as important for tourism but not as a catalyst for architectural ideas."
- Architects and designers behind the Visualizing Palestine project "hope to inspire dialogue based on facts, not emotions"; it may be a "rough ground to tread," but hopes are high the "their transparency and fact-driven work will appeal to those on both sides" of the Israel-Palestinian conflict.
- Walljasper walks Detroit: "surprises abound, beginning with the fact that you can actually see a lot of the Motor City comfortably on foot."
- Long takes a long look at plans to bring a London suburb back to its music roots: "the proposal is certainly a step change in density and quality for this forlorn suburban place."
- Charleston's "keepers of traditional building styles" lose as Cloepfil's Clemson Architecture Center gets the city's thumbs-up (finally!); a long-standing problem: "we intimidate people to bring to us only those things which imitate the past, rather than being bold."
- An architect who competed for the Clemson project gives the winning design two thumbs-ups: "it will sit confidently and rather elegantly in the city," though "the more traditional-minded folks will be sharpening their knives in hopes of cutting this design's life short."
- Bey sheds light on Gang's Solar Carve Tower along the High Line that "promises to be one of the most talked-about buildings in New York, if all goes according to plan" (oh those "ifs").
- Webber is wowed by Adjaye's two D.C. libraries that "are as much about the places they occupy as the function they serve" (great pix).
- Big plans for San Diego's 1939 Police HQ complex on the waterfront (fire pits to lounge around included).
- Our must-see of the day: ASLA's new online animation "Designing Neighborhoods for People and Wildlife" (and more).

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[8 Urban Policy Ideas for Obama's 2nd Term: ...the president should feel more than free to steal...we now hope someone on President Obama's team will print out and tape to their forehead. Heck, why stop there: you can do it, too!](#) By Emily Badger and Sommer Mathis - The Atlantic Cities

[In New York, Drying Out: So, all that speculation around the "Rising Currents" show at the Museum of Modern Art about the inundation of New York—not so speculative, right? ...All of these waterfront spaces have had a good amount of surge resistance baked into them.](#) By Brad McKee -- Catherine Seavitt; Guy Nordenson; Adam Yarinsky; Susannah Drake/dlandstudio; Stephen Cassell; Architecture Research Office (ARO); Signe Nielsen/Mathews Nielsen; Michael Van Valkenburgh; West 8; Ken Smith; SHoP Architects; Thomas Balsley [images, links] - Landscape Architecture Magazine

[Hurricane Sandy's Havoc on New York City Architecture: Projects by Frank Gehry and Jean Nouvel, as well as ongoing work at the World Trade Center site, were inundated...a slide show of the storm's waters engulfing the city's architecture.](#) - Architectural Record

[Taking a busman's tour of the best cities in the world: Auckland Council's Roger Blakeley...visited Vienna, Copenhagen, Bilbao and Vancouver....they consistently rate among the world's most liveable cities in the surveys we are monitoring to assess Auckland's progress towards its goal in the Auckland Plan of being the "world's most liveable city"...we have much to learn from them, in terms of their progress and commitment to bold strategies....](#) - New Zealand Herald

[More roads will just lead us nowhere: Urbanism is positively the new black...Will WestConnex...save NSW's ailing economy...Or is it..."back to the 1950s ... a real LA-type solution"? ...How did our urban debate become so polarised? Can anyone still think that environment and economy are foes, instead of short-term and long-term views of the same thing? Sydney desperately needs public transport. So why this massive road project?](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly - Sydney Morning Herald

[Lusaka city: what went wrong? ...it was decided that the capital should be a generous and gracious city...has resulted in the city being sprawled and subsequently very expensive to maintain...plans drawn...in the 1930s...did not have the backing of the law...increase in density is unplanned...with resulting poor functioning and inefficiencies....led to its fast and unprecedented development.](#) By Paul Makasa/Polytechnic of Namibia Department of Architecture - Times of Zambia

[The Belly of an Architecture: Architecture in China is bold and unapologetic, but it embodies China's rapid growth in less positive ways, too...Beijing's skyline is being shaped by politics...leading to poor urban planning and questionable construction standards...A glass panel that fell from the front of the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design remained unfixed for months.](#) By Clarissa Sebag-Montefiore - New York Times

[How to Get Ahead in China: Our second report from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University is from the different perspective of practitioner and professor. The RIBA link counts for a lot...Architecture in China is traditionally taught by rote...with its emphasis on repetition, copying and memory...History and built tradition are recognised as important for tourism but not as a catalyst for architectural ideas.](#) By Alan Dunlop - RIBA Journal (UK)

[Giving Israel-Palestine The Infographic Treatment \(Carefully, And By The Numbers\): The designers and architects behind the Visualizing Palestine project hope to inspire dialogue based on facts, not emotions...it's undoubtedly rough ground to tread--you'd be hard pressed to find a topic that inspires more emotion. But Ramzi Jabar...hopes their transparency and fact-driven work will appeal to those on both sides of the conflict.](#) [images] - Fast Company

[A city lover's guide to America's most underrated city: Jay Walljasper tours Detroit through the eyes of the revitalization fellows he's profiled and comes back with an up close and personal look at the city...Surprises abound, beginning with the fact that you can actually see a lot of the Motor City comfortably on foot.](#) - Model D (Detroit)

[Power to the pop factory: A project to regenerate EM's former home in Hayes wants to retrace its music roots and bring back the town's historical identity, but will it thrive or remain just another commuter suburb? ...the proposal is certainly a step change in density and quality for this forlorn suburban place.](#) By Kieran Long -- Allford Hall Monaghan Morris; Duggan Morris Architects; Studio Egret West [image] - Evening Standard (UK)

[After hailstorm of complaints, board approves Clemson design: Thoroughly modern architecture center draws flak from](#)

some...approval came after no small uproar from Charleston's keepers of traditional building styles..."we intimidate people to bring to us only those things which imitate the past, rather than being bold and stepping forward with something that should be a move into the future." -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture; e.e. fava architects [images]- Charleston City Paper (South Carolina)

Praising the proposed Clemson Architecture Center: Tradition Versus the Future: ...it will sit confidently and rather elegantly in the city like an exotic, interesting guest...the more traditional-minded folks will be sharpening their knives in hopes of cutting this design's life short...Whether Cloepfil's final design will rise to the occasion remains to be seen...I believe the final design, inspired by the city's rich history, will meet expectations. By Whitney Powers/Studio A -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture; e.e. fava architects; David Adjaye- Charleston City Paper (South Carolina)

Gang's Solar Carve Tower Will Keep High Line in the Spotlight: ...promises to be one of the most talked-about buildings in New York, if all goes according to plan...the sliced tower would allow 200 more hours of sunlight per year to fall on the High Line. By Lee Bey -- Jeanne Gang/Studio Gang [slide show]- Architectural Record

Adjaye's Washington, D.C. Libraries: Two new libraries by David Adjaye push accessibility, transparency, and sense of ownership to the forefront...subversion of context and play on the suburban site that he deftly taps into...reclaim the role of the once-vital community center...[they] are as much about the places they occupy as the function they serve. By Gwen Webber -- Wiencek + Associates Architects [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

New Retail Center Being Built in Former San Diego Police Headquarters Building: Terramar Retail Centers...is spending \$40 million to configure the space into a shopping mecca near the waterfront. The historic [1939] Spanish Revival complex...will be called The Headquarters...will include an open-air plaza, wide walkways and fire pits to lounge around. -- Heritage Architecture & Planning [image]- California Apparel News

ASLA Launches New Online Animation: "Designing Neighborhoods for People and Wildlife": shows how native plants and designed structures provide what nature needs...includes ten animations that show sustainable landscape design in action. - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)



- Farshid Moussavi Architecture: MOCA Cleveland [Museum of Contemporary Art], Cleveland, Ohio
- Guilhem Eustache: Fobe House, Marrakech, Morocco
- BIG/Bjarke Ingels Group: Kimball Art Center, Park City, Utah
- Exhibition: "White Cube, Green Maze: : New Art Landscapes": Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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