

Today's News - Thursday, February 28, 2013

- We lose Liddell, "arguably one of the most influential green architects of his generation" (and "just days before receiving his OBE").
- Team Henning Larsen beats out Team BIG for Europe's largest research project (with link to images of all the big-name shortlisted entries).
- Lots of takes on the future of cities: what will they look like? "The answer may lie with big data and the so-called internet of things."
- Mitchell mulls over how cities get smarter: "the critical issue is how to move beyond visions and prototypes, to scaling and adoption - we need to rethink our definitions."
- Green offers two great reports from the Innovative Metropolis conference that look at the "rise of the endless city" and three "cities that get mobility right" (both with great links).
- Wade looks at "how a balance of classroom learning and field research can help students better understand the sociology, planning, and development of cities."
- Orlando leans on urban-planning and architecture students to provide insights to craft a vision for a planned "Creative Village."
- Dunlap delves into new reports for MAS and REBNY that present opposing visions for developing East Midtown Manhattan (great pix and links to reports).
- Brussat uses the Bournemouth Imax as an example of "how to deal with modern architecture: Next to not building modern architecture, tearing it down is the surest way to improve mankind's built environment."
- More on the Sydney Exhibition Centre architects slamming its redevelopment as an "act of vandalism. The replacement scheme is a waste of public money. The whole exercise makes no commercial sense."
- Robin Hood Gardens developer issues an official EOI to replace the housing estate; never mind that "more than 20 architects responded to the call in November" - it was just to "test the water" - this one is the real thing.
- Calys sees San Francisco's new cruise ship terminal as "a silver lining - a handsome building arising from a less-than-ideal America's Cup plan."
- McGuigan on Ban's cardboard cathedral in Christchurch: "there have been challenges along the way."
- The second new building to rise from quake-wracked city is by a young British firm.
- University of Utah architecture students are none too happy about the architecture chair's (forced?) resignation - they want some answers.
- Kansas City Design Week kicks off today.
- Call for entries: CANactions 2013 International Architectural Festival: Clear city ideas for Kyiv conference for young architects and architectural students in April (in Kiev).

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Obituary: Eco-architect Howard Liddell, 67: ...has died just days before receiving the OBE he was awarded for services to ecological design...best known for his influence on sustainable building policy + Tribute from Sandy Patience, editor of Greenspec...[he] was "arguably one of the most influential green architects of his generation." -- Gaia Architects - The Architects' Journal (UK)

European Spallation Source: Henning Larsen Architects will design ESS, Europe's largest research project...The second winner...was the concept by the Team BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group... -- Henning Larsen Architects/COBE ApS/SLA/NNE Pharmaplan; Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG/HOK/Topotek1/man-made land [links to images]- The Herald (UK)

How will our future cities look? Do you see clean streets, flying cars and robots doing all the work? Or perhaps your vision is more dystopian...the reality now is that our urban spaces are overcrowded and polluted...The time is ripe...to start designing smarter urban environments...The answer may lie with big data and the so-called internet of things... -- Carlo Ratti/MT Sense-able Cities - BBC News

What is a city, and how does it get smarter? ...the critical issue is how to move beyond visions and prototypes, to scaling and adoption...the whole notion of smart cities should also be reappraised...we need to rethink our definitions, develop resilient communities, and those that are developing new models... By Shane Mitchell [links]- Meeting of the Minds

The Rise of the Endless City: Many growing cities are chewing up their ecological functions...Some developing world cities are starting to respond. By Jared Green -- Innovative Metropolis conference; Ricky Burdett; Hargreaves Associates; LDA Design; Zaha Hadid; James Corner Field Operations [images, links]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Cities That Get Mobility Right: Innovative Metropolis conference...explained how three very different cities — Copenhagen, Hong Kong, and Portland — have created world-class sustainable transportation systems. By Jared Green [images, links]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Learning to Read the Contemporary City: Andrew Wade looks at the experiential learning model in urban studies and how a balance of classroom learning and cross-cultural field research can help students better understand the sociology, planning, and development of cities. - Urban Omnibus

Orlando's Creative Village hopes to benefit from grad students' insights: ...urban-planning and architecture students from Rollins College, the University of Florida — and now Columbia University — have taken a special interest in 68 acres on the west side of downtown...insights provided by students...have helped craft a vision for the project... -- Baker Barrios - Orlando Sentinel (Florida)

2 Views of Buildings Around Grand Central: Special or Just Old: Two new position papers from organizations with opposing interests offer disparate answers to the question of whether any more buildings in east Midtown merit official landmark status. By David W. Dunlap -- Real Estate Board of New York/"Icons, Placeholders and Leftovers: Midtown East Report"; Municipal Art Society of New York/"East Midtown: A Bold Vision for the Future" [images, links to reports]- New York Times

How to deal with modern architecture: The British voted the building above off the island...Good riddance!...Next to not building modern architecture, tearing it down is the surest way to improve mankind's built environment...Even the Bournemouth Imax, though from the start officially declared an object of loathing, held on for a decade. By David Brussat [images]- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

Original architect slams Sydney Exhibition Centre revamp: Populous, Hassell and OMA's £650 million redevelopment...has been slammed...as an "act of vandalism..."The replacement scheme is a waste of public money. The whole exercise makes no commercial sense." -- Philip Cox/John Richardson/Cox Richardson [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Search for Robin Hood Gardens architects steps up: ...three months after Swan Housing called for expressions of interest to replace the 1970s Alison and Peter Smithson-designed Brutalist housing estate...More than 20 architects responded to the call in November...previous invitation was to 'test the water' only, whereas the jobs advertised in OJEU now represented the 'actual contract' - The Architects' Journal (UK)

"Working waterfront aesthetic": Pier 27 cruise ship terminal opens: As the ever-shrinking America's Cup competition in San Francisco becomes, well, less and less exciting, a silver lining has manifested itself. The completion of the James R. Herman Cruise Ship Terminal is one of those anomalies: a handsome building arising from a less-than-ideal America's Cup plan. By George Calys -- KMD; Pfau Long Architecture [images]- San Francisco Examiner

Ban's Cardboard Cathedral Rises in Christchurch: The day before the second anniversary of the cataclysmic and fatal earthquake in New Zealand, Shigeru Ban stood in the half-finished nave...there have been challenges along the way. By Cathleen McGuigan -- Re:START [slide show]- Architectural Record

Young British architects break ground in Christchurch rebuild: Shigeru Ban's cardboard cathedral and fourfoursixsix's offices are first off the blocks [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

University of Utah students seek investigation of architecture chair's resignation: Faculty voted unanimously to support Salt Lake City architect Prescott Muir...Dean Brenda Scheer said the resignation stemmed from problems in the school that surfaced during a recent accreditation review...- Salt Lake Tribune (Utah)

Kansas City Design Week highlights architecture, poster art, creative thinking: KC's architecture and design community continues to bounce back from the recent period of economic decline. And the energy becomes more apparent...an ever-expanding series of programs that highlight education, trends and new ideas...Feb. 28 - March 8. By Steve Paul- Kansas City Star

Call for entries: CANactions 2013 International Architectural Festival: Clear city ideas for Kyiv, Ukraine, April 15-20: The field of communication and sharing ideas for young architects and architectural students; only persons under 35 are allowed to participate; workshop curator – Wonderland (Austria); fluent English required; application deadline: March 10- CANactions (Kiev, Ukraine)

Nuts + Bolts #2: You Can't SELL If You Can't TELL: You talk all the time but are you communicating clearly? Use your words effectively to build your influence. By Tami D. Hausman, Ph.D. - ArchNewsNow



-- Michael Maltzan Architecture: Regen Projects, Los Angeles, California
-- MAD Architects/Ma Yansong: Huangshan Mountain Village, Anhui Province, China

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