

Today's News - Monday, November 11, 2013

- ArcSpace profiles Coop Himmelb(l)au, "the punk rockers of architecture"; revisits Hadid's MAXXI; and tools around Vienna.
- Adler ponders whether China is "repeating the U.S.'s sprawl mistake. The development pattern is Le Corbusier's 'towers in a park' model on steroids" (but "there is reason for hope").
- Ransford parses RIBA's report re: how our aging population will reshape cities: "changes to neighborhoods are in store - look for civic infrastructure to adapt."
- Butler files a dispatch from the 2013 Bruner Loeb Forum: two presentations were disappointing: "they identified a single catalyst for neighborhood change: money. Design came off as seeming impotent by comparison."
- Kamin offers his first impressions of the three designs vying to be Northwestern University's replacement for Goldberg's Prentice hospital: "the fierce controversy...has forced Northwestern to aspire to something higher than an undistinguished box" (that's a start, anyway).
- Saffron cheers Philly's skyline "stretching westward" to the Schuylkill waterfront, but "a clutch of shimmering skyscrapers do not a neighborhood make" if existing barriers "make walking there an unpleasant, and often hair-raising, experience."
- Olson Kundig's makeover of a Seattle church "melds Gothic stained glass and Le Corbusier-style architecture," making it "eye-grabbing enough to keep it from fading into the background as chic restaurants and indie shops crop up."
- Wong has a lively lunch with Ingels and Shigematsu to talk about their Miami Beach Convention Center showdown: "Stories have characterized this duel as Oedipal. Nothing could be further from the truth."
- Q&A with Heathcote re: his company manufacturing door handles by the likes of Eric Parry and Studio Toogood - and now handles from Lina Bo Bardi's 1951 Casa de Vidro in São Paulo, Brazil.
- Winners all: ULI's 2013 Global Awards for Excellence and Urban Open Space Awards + Eyefuls of the 2013 Curry Stone Design Prize winners who are "socially engaged practitioners" + SLO Architecture wins the inaugural Dwell Vision Award for Harvest Dome 2.0 (which we love!).
- Call for entries (and lots of 'em): Call for speakers and case studies for "Unsitely! Leveraging Design to Improve Urban Construction Sites" colloquium at Montreal's CCA next year + Gardner Museum's Maeder-York Family Fellowship in Landscape Studies Open to all design disciplines) + 2014 Coverings Installation and Design (CID) Awards for outstanding design and installation of tile and stone + 2014 CNU Charter Awards for Excellence in Urban Design (with added categories).

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-- Coop Himmelb(l)au: Known as the punk rockers of architecture...founded in Vienna in 1968 by Wolf Prix, Helmut Swiczinsky and Michael Holzer.
-- Zaha Hadid Architects: MAXXI: Museum of XXI Century Arts, Rome, Italy
-- Travel blog: Vienna, Austria -- Ortner & Ortner; Adolf Loos; Hans Hollein

Is China repeating the U.S.'s sprawl mistake? Major Chinese cities are ringed by desolate sprawl - and suburbanites don't even get a private house with a yard. It leads to wasted time in cars and a lot of greenhouse gas emissions...The development pattern is Le Corbusier's "towers in a park" model on steroids...there is reason for hope. By Ben Adler -- Peter Calthorpe-Grist Magazine

Older population will reshape cities: Aging: With the number of seniors doubling over the next 25 years, changes to neighbourhoods are in store: ...look for civic infrastructure to adapt to encourage active aging and encourage activities that help with well-being...Royal Institute of British Architects' Building Futures report, Silver Linings: The Active Third Age and the City... By Bob Ransford [link to report]- Vancouver Sun

The Impotence and Megalomania of City Design: dispatch from the 2013 Bruner Loeb Forum: Planners and designers sometimes act like their work is the single catalyst for neighborhood change...the far more disappointing thing about their presentations is that they identified a single catalyst for neighborhood change: money. Design...came off as seeming impotent by comparison. By Sam Butler -- Bob Shibley/University of Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning; Maurice Cox/Tulane University Design Center- Next City (formerly Next American City)

Northwestern University unveils Prentice replacements: 3 plans for a medical research tower are vying for the space where Bertrand Goldberg creation is being demolished: ...is Chicago trading up or trading down? ...the fierce controversy...has forced Northwestern to aspire to something higher than an undistinguished box... By Blair Kamin -- Goettsch Partners/Ballinger; Perkins+Will; Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture/Payette- Chicago Tribune

For a West Schuylkill site, time to bridge its moat: It's nice to see the city's skyline stretching west. But a clutch of shimmering skyscrapers do not a neighborhood make...Overlooked in all the hoopla...are the conditions on the ground...cut off from the waterfront by...train tracks...one of several barriers that make walking there an unpleasant, and often hair-raising, experience...Build a deck over the tracks. By Inga Saffron -- Pelli Clarke Pelli/BLT Architects; Erdy McHenry [image]- Philadelphia Inquirer

Seattle Church Gets A Bright, Modern Twist On Stained Glass Windows: With great panes, Olson Kundig Architects meld gothic stained glass and Le Corbusier-style architecture....speak to a more traditional community, but it's modern and eye-grabbing enough to keep the Gethsemane Church from fading into the background as chic restaurants and indie shops crop up. [images]- Fast Company

Miami Heat: Bjarke Ingels & Shohei Shigematsu Discuss Their Miami Beach Convention Center Showdown: Stories have characterized this duel as

Oedipal...Nothing could be further from the truth...They are friends and fans of each other's work. By Karen Wong/New Museum -- Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG; OMA [images]- Architizer

Door handles from Lina Bo Bardi's 1951 house go into production: ...manufactured by British design brand Izé, founded by Financial Times architecture correspondent Edwin Heathcote... [images]- Dezeen

2013 ULI Global Awards for Excellence: ...winning projects showcase efforts that have both succeeded in pushing ingenuity and exemplifying best practices in land use. -- Deborah Berke Partners; ECE architects; NBBJ/LMN Architects; The Jerde Partnership/Samoo; ASTOC/EMBT; Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF); VOA Associates; David Baker + Partners; Handel Architects; Studio E Architects; Dattner Architects/Grimshaw - Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Parks in Vancouver and Washington, D.C. Selected as Winners of 2013 ULI Urban Open Space Award: ...outstanding examples of transformative and vibrant public open space -- large and small... -- PWL Partnership Landscape Architects; M. Paul Friedberg & Partners - Urban Land Institute (ULI)

2013 Curry Stone Design Prize Winners Announced: ...celebrates humanitarian design and honors the influential work of socially engaged practitioners. -- Hunnarshala (Bhuj, India); Proximity Designs (Yangon, Myanmar); Studio TAMassociati/Emergency [images]- Bustler

Winner of inaugural Dwell Vision Award: Amanda Schachter and Alexander Levi of SLO Architecture for Harvest Dome 2.0; finalists are Tadpole Studio and Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects [links to images]- Dwell

Call for entries: Call for speakers and case studies (international): "Unsitely! Leveraging Design to Improve Urban Construction Sites" colloquium at the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal, October 8-9, 2014; deadline: December 3- Ville de Montréal

Call for entries: Maeder-York Family Fellowship in Landscape Studies 2014: open to landscape architects and designers from a range of allied design professions including architecture, engineering, urban design, and planning; includes monthly stipend with an apartment/studio space in one of the Renzo Piano-designed apartments at the Museum; deadline: December 1- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Call for entries: 2014 Coverings Installation and Design (CID) Awards for the best achievements in outstanding design and installation of tile and stone; cash prizes; deadline: February 7, 2014- Coverings

Call for entries: 2014 CNU Charter Awards for Excellence in Urban Design (with added categories like "Best Urban Infill" and "Best Tactical Intervention"); deadline: January 8, 2014- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

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