
- ArcSpace brings eyefuls of Henning Larsen's Moesgaard Museum in Denmark that "offers a new perspective on the role of the museum as a public space" (with a roof that becomes the area's largest/best sledding hill in winter).
- Litman boils down his "Affordable Accessible Housing in a Dynamic City" report to "a succinct statement" of his key conclusions and recommendations.
- Gehl Institute launches to bring "People-First Design" to more cities to "help create public spaces that draw in people and boost economic opportunity of the surrounding areas."
- King brings us a great tour of San Francisco's potrlets: "there are detractors as well as devotees. Here's something else: They're fun! (comments lean (depressingly) towards the detractor factor).
- Betsky finds lessons from Baltimore in its "income inequality and spatial segregation. We all live in the democratic American grid, but we inhabit it unequally" - we need to "invest in those places that need it most...We need points of stimulation and openness. For a fraction of what we do - is to invest in those places that need it most...We need points of stimulation and openness. For a fraction of what we spend on policing, we could be building our way out of trouble.
- New Whitney Museum focuses on art, not architectural pyrotechnics...seems to be at pains not to be perceived as a brash newcomer and as a harbinger of a neighborhood takeover by the 1 percent. By Steven Litt -- Marcel Breuer; Renzo Piano - Cleveland Plain Dealer
- Litman reports some key take-away’s from the Rocky Mountain CitySummit in Denver: "The stories that civic boosters tell are far too triumphal. These narratives very effectively "disappear" the people and issues," and "require more self-critical analysis.
- Lessons From Baltimore: Segregation is Real: Aaron Betsky finds income inequality evident in the spatial segregation of America's cities: We all live in the democratic American grid, but we inhabit it unequally...What we need to do - or at least try to do - is to invest in those places that need it most...We need points of stimulation and openness. For a fraction of what we spend on policing, we could be building our way out of trouble. - Architect Magazine
- Welcome To Our Neighborhood: A Manifesto for Inclusivity: "Affordable Accessible Housing in a Dynamic City" provides 65 pages of detailed analysis concerning why and how to develop more affordable infill housing...boiled down the key conclusions and recommendations to a succinct statement... By Todd Litman/Victoria Transport Policy Institute-- PLANetizen
- Building the Inclusive City: Income inequality, housing affordability, and residential segregation are big challenges that require more self-critical analysis and less civic self-promotion: The stories that civic boosters and others tell about Denver and other American cities...are far too triumphal. These narratives very effectively "disappear" the people and issues... By Dean Satta -- Rocky Mountain CitySummit; Bill Strickland; Jeff Speck-- PLANetizen
- Why is so much architecture junk? It is a problem that vexes architects. Isn’t it their fault, anyway? This was the presumption at a panel during...Congress for The New Urbanism annual conference...the problem with the built environment...is because architects have lost their design principles...The truth is that architects don’t have that much power...A younger generation...not interested in tendentious arguments about traditionalism and modernism, but instead focused on the task of building the kinds of walkable urban centers that progressive thinkers of all stripes can embrace... By Mark Lamster - Dallas

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New Gehl Institute Will Bring “People-First Design” to More Cities: ...with $1.6 million in backing from the Knight Foundation...will help create public spaces that draw in people and boost economic opportunity of the surrounding area in Knight communities. -- Gehl Studio - Next City (formerly Next American City)

An architectural tour of ... parklets? Say what you like about Parklets - and there are detractors as well as devotees - they are now an established part of the scenery not only in San Francisco, but beyond...Here’s something else: They’re fun. By John King [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

The rural Kenyan school that collects water for the community: ...harvests rain for pupils, teachers and their families [in Laikipia], but can the project be repeated in other arid regions? More than just a simple building, the Waterbank School is a Free living infrastructure...designed by British architects Jane Harrison and David Turnbull, founders of the non-profit PITCHAfrica.

Shigeru Ban Architects and Voluntary Architects' Network Will Supply Shelter to Nepal: Pritzker Prize winner proposed a three-part disaster relief process to provide shelter, housing, and community facilities to victims of the devastating earthquake.

Shigeru Ban Turns to Tubes: The Pritzker Prize winner recalls traditional carpenters at his family's Tokyo home and his passion for recyclables: "At architecture school, I fought against being influenced by other architects...Only a few architects have never been influenced by the styles of their predecessors and peers...Buckminster Fuller and Frei Otto invented their own materials or structural systems. This is what I wanted to do, invent my own style." - Wall Street Journal

US Modernist Radio launches: a new podcast series about Modernist Architecture. Be forewarned: this is not academic, heady, precious conversation. It is fun, irreverent (sometimes), casual, lively, amusing, informative and personal...Christine Madrid French/Recent Past Preservation Network re: her brave, decade-long attempt to save Richard Neutra’s Cyclorama at Gettysburg; Kelly Lynch; Myrick Howard/Preservation North Carolina; J. Michael Welton; Jim Cutler/Cutler Anderson Architects - Triangle Modernist Archive / North Carolina Modernist Houses

All the Designs to Watch Out for at NYCxDesign 2015: Architects and designers converge again for New York’s third annual design fair and a slew of exciting off-site events; through May 19 - Metropolis Magazine

‘Authentic Design Online’ presented by Be Original Americas at WantedDesign, May 16, New York City: a discussion on how the design community can assert and promote quality through intangible channels [and] the ever-shifting online marketplace. -- Amanda Dameron/Dwell; Bradford Shellhammer/Bezar; Gregg Buchbinder/Emeco; Max Fraser - Be Original Americas

Call for entries: 2015 CTBUH International Student Tall Building Design Competition; winning submissions include a total of $22,000 in cash and travel stipends; registration deadline: August 3 (submissions due August 10) - Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH)

Call for entries: Design your Fridge! (international) best design presented at IFA 2015 in Berlin, and 1st place place winner will receive a refrigerator in their winning design; deadline: July 15 - Liebherr