Today's News - Tuesday, July 28, 2015

- Groves pays tribute to Harold Williams, a founder of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). "Getting African American architects opportunities was one of his missions"...
- Flying high (finally) in NYC: LaGuardia Airport is in for a much-needed and long- overdue make-over - actually, more a total rebuild: the "stunning replacement cannot come soon enough"! (for not much more money than Calatrava's WTC transit hub - go figure).
- Dunlap, meanwhile, reports that Saarinen's TWA Terminal at JFK (finally) has a bright future: the "lyrical landmark in search of an everyday purpose" could be reborn as the lobby of a new airport hotel.
- Staying in a New York state of mind, a fascinating profile of the "modern masters of the trade" of NIMBYism and "the playbook they use to drive developers crazy" (they've "turned anti-development into a fine art.
- The NIMBYs are up in arms in Brisbane re: a proposed $2 billion casino/mixed-use project in a historic civic precinct that has "been met with skepticism and alarm": "The city is always more important than individual interests.
- Heathcote ponders whether, "at a time when the authority and influence of architects are being eroded," the Turner Prize-nominated collective Assemble is "the future of progressive architecture.
- It tours the "zombie building boom" of FLW unbuilt projects in Buffalo, and "meets the superfans bringing his designs back from the dead. Wright may be long dead, but Wainwright x 2 (at his cheekiest best!). Melbourne's "Beyoncé tower" is "not the only superstar-shaped building out there." (consider the "pair of buxom towers" near Toronto that look more like "lumpen shafts.
- "For creatively challenged architects and their attendant marketing consultants, the world of celebrity-shaped buildings offers endless possibilities." 
- Betsky looks at why a 1970s buzzword is finding "new meaning in architectural parlance": If the theory of affordances "lets us create architecture that is more human...then it is a useful design tool.
- Sustainability expert Pears asks the Australian Building Codes Board to confer with more consultants and do more research re: National Construction Code changes...or has no aims, is riddled with loopholes," and so much more.
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New building design guidelines for disabled and elderly: The Building and Construction Authority introduced new measures...There will soon be safer homes and more accessible buildings for the disabled and the elderly, with new design guidelines...will benefit people of all ages and needs, such as mothers with young children...Universal Design Mark criteria, which sets higher certification benchmarks...- Channel NewsAsia (Singapore)

Furious industry unites to tackle new Building Code failure: It’s too vague, has no aims, is riddled with loopholes and appears to have abandoned any explicit imperative to make a building energy-efficient or sustainable – it’s a new lower-bar National Construction Code of Australia 2016...proposed changes that have brought 17 of Australia’s leading sustainable design and construction experts together to form a united response...- The Fifth Estate (Australia)

Building sustainability expert Alan Pears: defer National Construction Code changes or “create a mess”:...has requested the Australian Building Codes Board undertake further expert consultation and research...before implementing proposed changes to the National Construction Code.- The Fifth Estate (Australia)

National World War One Memorial Stage I of competition ends with over 350 entries; Public invited to view and comment on submissions [images]- World War I Centennial Commission

Call for entries: Construction Shed Design Ideas Competition; deadline: August 19- New York Building Foundation / New York Building Congress

Call for entries: Register for Build New York Live! international BIM competition; a 48-hour design collaboration, September 21-23- Build Earth Live / Asite

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