INFO PACKET: Biophilic SF -- From Biophilic Buildings to Biophilic Cities

Friday, May 13, 12:30-4:30/5pm

Hosts: SF Planning & ARUP SF

For:
- The Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and
- Singapore Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Academy
- Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Executive Development Program
- on Big Data & Biophilic Design (May 9-13, 2016)

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AGENDA

Biophilic Design & Planning Tour & Lunch (12:30-2pm; see back page)

1. 12:00pm: CMU/BCA Group walks to 100 1st St., gets a takeout lunch along the way (see description for the lunch stop options, one right at 100 1st st Garden (Proper Food)
2. 12:30pm: Everyone meets up at roof garden at 100 First St; bring/eat lunch
3. 1pm: Walk to the lobby at Building 3 Foundry Square, 505 Howard Street
4. 1:30 pm: Walk to the Plaza at 555 Mission St
5. 1:45 pm: Get refreshments, if desired, at adjacent Peets
6. 1:45-2:30 pm: walk cross the street to the ARUP offices (560 Mission St # 700), get settled

Biophilic SF/City Presentation / Discussion (2:30pm-4:30 pm)

1. Welcome (Scott, 5 mins)
2. CMU/BCA Summary of Program’s Key Learnings/Questions, Khee Poh Lam, 5 mins
3. Biophilic City Planning and Network, Professor Timothy Beatley, UV, 30 mins +Discuss.
4. SF’s Biodiversity Program & Natural History, Peter Brastow, SFE, 5-10 mins + Discuss.
5. SF’s Biophilic City Program, Scott Edmondson, SF Pl./Kirstin Weeks, ARUP, 10+ mins +Discuss.
6. Various SF Initiatives (informal, 5 mins + Discuss) (tentative: subject to change)
   a. Rosey Jencks, Urban Watershed Planning, SF Water (PUC)
   b. Green Roofs Initiative / Better Roof Ordinance, Anne Brask, SF PI./ /Kirstin W. Arup
   c. Green Walls & the City, Kirstin & colleague
   d. Opportunities for Biophilia in the Redevelopment Process, Jose Campos, OCII
   e. Living Alley Program, David Winslow, SF PI.
7. Optional Reflective Exercise, Kirstin Weeks/Scott Edmondson (4-4:30 pm)
8. Adjourn / Bon Voyage
1. **Morning Session: The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Headquarters (201 Mission Street).** Program participants will hear about their involvement in the biophilic cities movement. They will tour TNC’s San Francisco office, a remarkable example of occupant centric planning with deep client involvement in the design process. Results include savings of USD270K in annual operational expenses. In addition, the TNC has reported a rise in daily occupancy due to a carefully considered work environment that embodies the spirit of the organization. The new space allows for seamless interpersonal interaction enabled by the new dedicated collaboration areas.

2. **Take Out Restaurant Options:** (a) Recommendation as easiest/good: Proper Food, street level at stairs going up to the garage rooftop garden at 100 1st street (stairs are off Mission); (2) Portico across the street from 100 1st Street Garden, 98 1st Street @ northwest corner 1st/Mission. On the way to 100 1st St. Garden is Julies Kitchen, 50 Fremont (inside block, walk thru anyway).

3. **100 First St, Roof garden to eat lunch.** Located on the roof of 100 1st Street’s parking garage, this public space is chock-full of impressive water features (including a water garden) and sculptured grass areas. It’s the perfect place to wind down and enjoy a lunch break.

4. **Foundry Square III (Lobby), 505 Howard Street.** The lobby features two adjoining living walls and two floor-to-ceiling glass walls, allowing passersby to gaze through to the 12,500 plants inhabiting the space. [http://www.habitathorticulture.com/gallery/foundry-square-iii/#1](http://www.habitathorticulture.com/gallery/foundry-square-iii/#1)

5. **The plaza next to 555 Mission Street** stands out thanks to its funky Ugo Rondinone sculptures and lovely green wall. The space also features a towering art installation by Jonathan Borofsky.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The San Francisco / ARUP Session will expand the biophilic focus of the CMU/BCA Program from the building (biophilic design) to the city (planning), exploring both the planning challenge and SF’s current initiatives. On a walking tour to our afternoon discussion, we’ll visit three buildings with biophilic features, eat a brown bag lunch in one plaza, and arrive at ARUP’s downtown offices.

CMU/BCA Building Executive Program Description (from the brochure): The program offers a global overview of the sustainability movement, advocating a holistic approach to address resource management, promoting increasing use of renewable energy sources while minimizing energy consumption and maximizing health and comfort through innovative design and application of advanced building technologies. Focuses for this year’s program are on biophilic design and big data analytics.

*Biophilia* describes the natural affiliation of human beings toward nature and living organisms and its emphasis on the innate connection between humans and other living systems such as plants, animals and the weather. Biophilic design refers to the process of creating good habitat for people as a biological organism in the built environment.

*Big Data Analytics* in the context of the built environment can be defined as sensing, collection, processing and conveyance of building performance information that is understandable and actionable for data-drive decision making for processes of design, construction and operation of buildings and groups of buildings from campus to urban scales.

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