Holístic Anatomy and Physiology of Community and City Planning...

.... wherein the all-encompassing integration of the consciousness (mind), pulse (heart), embodiment (body) and essence (soul) of the city are perfectly aligned and interwoven as livable, thriving, healthy communities; offering BEAUTY and QUALITY OF LIFE for those who inhabit the space ...

The quintessential livelihood (soul) of great communities and cities lies in their vital signs; the core (heart) of the infrastructure (body) provides urbanization, sustainability and livability. All of these are interconnected by the multimodal and intermodal transportation system (veins and arteries) - its roadways, raílways, waterways, bridges, transít, bicycle and pedestrian systems. Its nodes and anchors (skeleton and muscles), províde orientation through the communities, while its stormwater and wastewater treatment systems (liver and kidney) provide nourishment and cleansing.

The heart pumps traffic (blood cells) through the transportation system (veins and arteries) and provides movement and flow (oxygen and qi) for urbanization and livable communities, creating an intelligent (mind) system that shapes and designs for a sustainable future - a future that is socially, environmentally, and economically clean, smart and equitable.

All disciplines of city planning work in harmonic convergence: urban design, land use and transportation planning, environmental planning, landscape architecture, traffic engineering and civil engineering. Only by the nourishment of compassion and love (conscious and subconscious planning, engineering, design, and construction) can the ecosystem thrive to its upmost potential; blossoming as a holistic, healthy, safe, livable community - therein lies the wholesome being --- Complete Streets, Smart Cities and Clean Cities!

...One Place at a Time



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