











Recent Parking Structure Design Brian Peterson, AIA, Urban Designer

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### **Presentation Outline**

1. A little background...

2. Why is this building type so hard to design attractively?

3. What are we seeing in the latest parking structure designs?

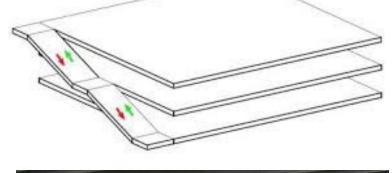


Considered America's first parking structure, Chicago, Holabird and Roche, 1918, demolished 2005

### A little background...

# Why is it so difficult to design a good looking parking structure?

- 1. Unforgiving dimensional constraints (long shallow layers)
- 2. Limited choice of materials (durability & structural needs)
- 3. Cost (usually lowest is desired)
- 4. Single use/purpose







# What are we seeing in recent parking structure designs?

#### 1. Celebrate the structure

Make art of the structure and materials

#### 2. Dress it up

Cloak the building to cover the structure

#### 3. Break it down

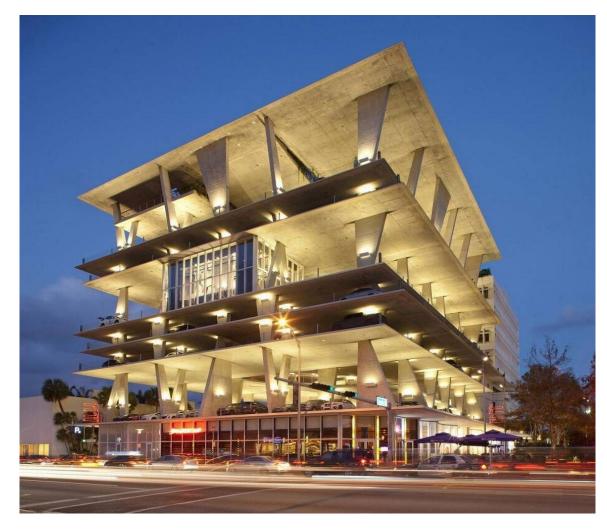
 make the building into a composition of smaller interrelated forms to create better scale

#### 4. Make it sustainable

#### 5. Integrate art

#### 6. Activate it

- Provide active uses and/or attractive pedestrian frontages
- Link the structure to adjoining pedestrian paths and networks



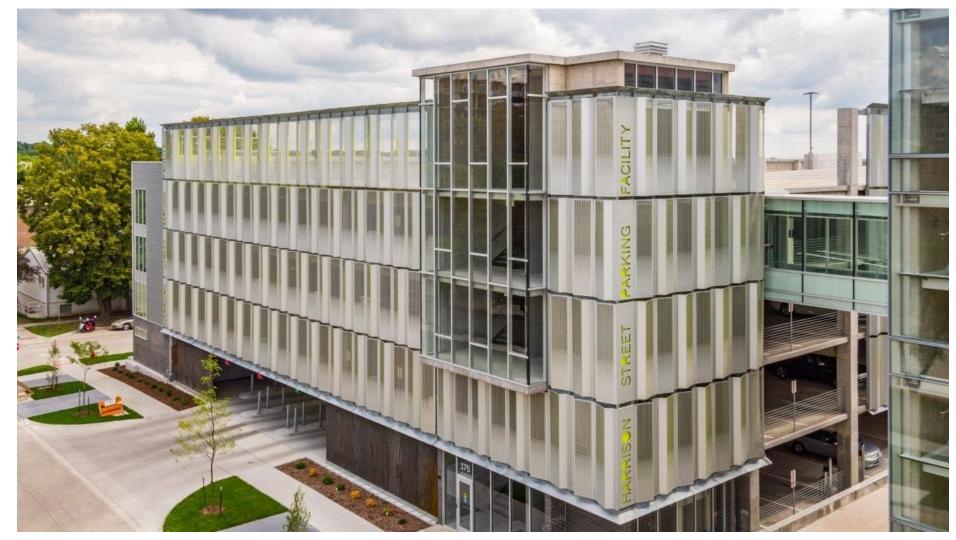
1111 Lincoln Road Parking & Mixed Use, Miami Beach, Herzog de Meuron

### Celebrate the Structure



Marina City, Chicago, Bertrand Goldberg, 1964-1968

### Harrison Street Parking Facility, Iowa City IA

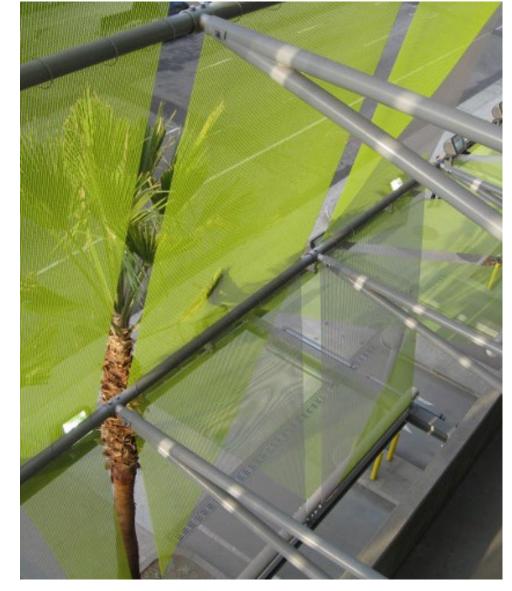


Perforated aluminum panels allow for ventilation and daylight into building









Colored woven wire mesh screen Los Angeles Police Department





Terracotta cladding panels

#### **Santa Monica Civic Center Parking Garage**

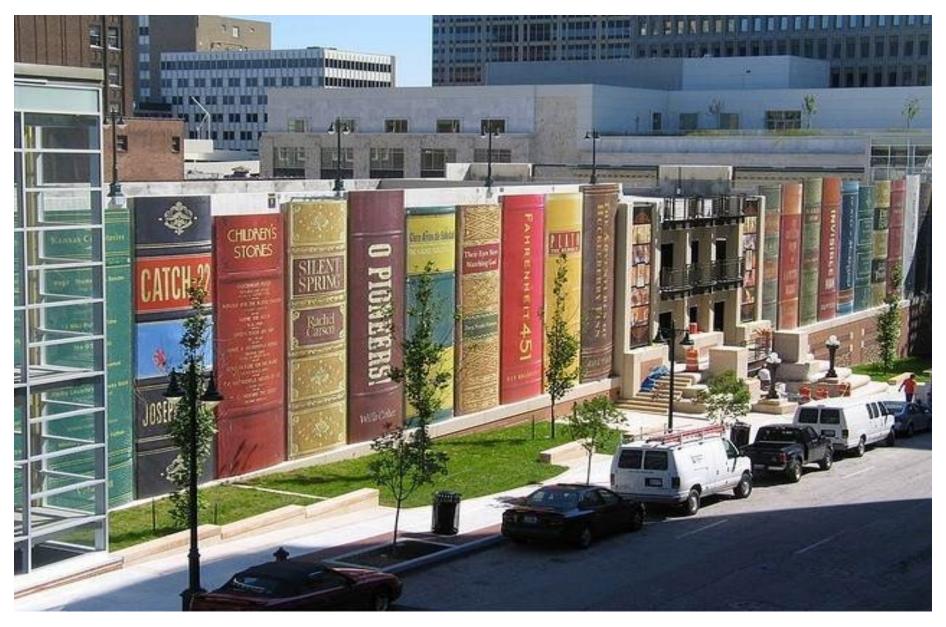




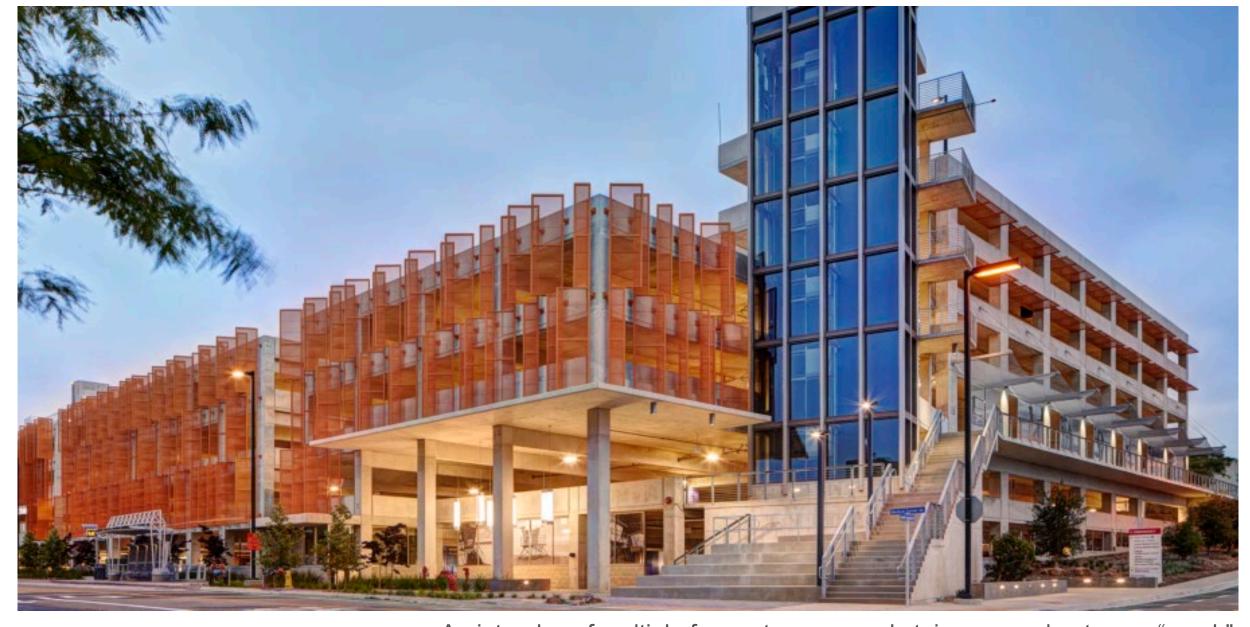


Structure articulated as more traditional building forms and materials

Parking Structure, Central Library-Kansas City, Missouri



Get literal, not normally recommended!



An interplay of multiple forms, tower, grand staircase, and entrance "porch"

### **UCSD Osler Parking Structure & Visitor's Center, La Jolla CA**



Structure creates a gateway to campus, bridges to pedestrian/bike trail

### Break it down



Photovoltaic (PV)Panels as "umbrellas" on roof



PV panels at edge of roof create a modern "cornice"

## Make it "green"



Green walls



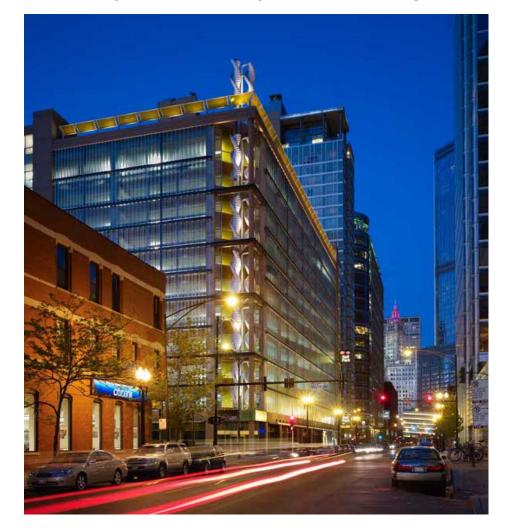


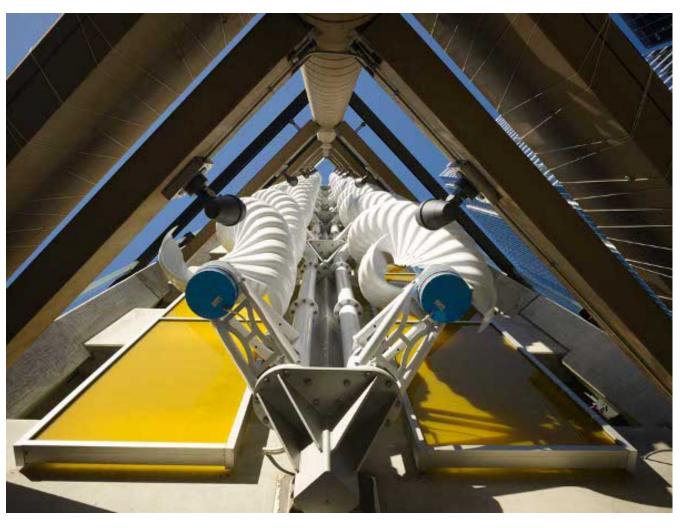


Lighting allows green wall to shine at night

# Make it "green"

#### Greenway Self Park by HOK, Chicago IL





This garage features wind turbines, natural rainwater collection systems, and electric car charging stations.

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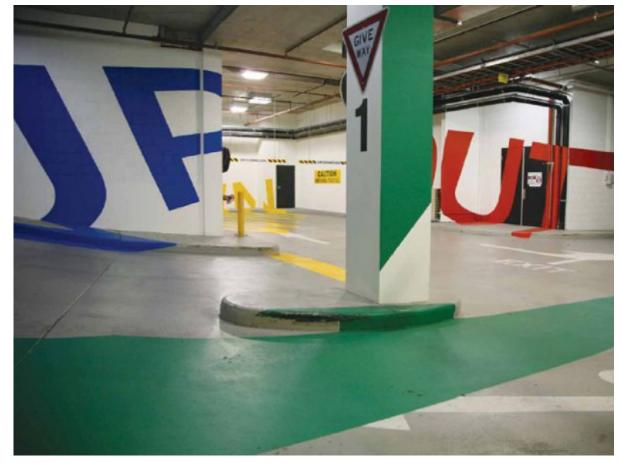






Integrate art

### **Eureka Carpark Melbourne**









# Integrate art



Ground floor retail, Belmar Garage, Lakewood CO

### Activate it



Activate it: The Porch-what goes in it?













Thank You!