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urbz is an experimental research and action collective with collaborators in Mumbai, Goa, Geneva, New York, Bogota, Sao Paulo. Since 2008, urbz organizes collaborative workshops, conducts field research, generates ideas and projects, and produces web content about urban space and places. urbz believes that residents are experts in their neighborhoods, and develops concepts, tools methodologies that allow architects, urbanists and policymakers to tap into that knowledge pool. urbz.net

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