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It is therefore concluded, that although it is not feasible in total-
ity that buildings are allowed to move, shape-shift or alter with-
out major restrictions, orientating a building towards a condition
where it represents a non-static or permanent condition, represents
a paradigm towards an alternative view regarding our “fixed” urban
fabric. By utilising, manipulating and exploiting existing built in-
frastructure, the city, in some manner, will begin to move, or promt
it towards animation. If this process is brought into existence, to
cater for the needs of the urban user, then the buildings to arise out
of such an approach must be considered responsive and consider-
erate of the human traditions they serve. Human endeavours and
needs are in constant flux, with regard to how we cope and manage
our need for tradition. If buildings are considerate of this rise in
entropy, in the way they are designed and constructed, then they too
move, change and inflict change onto their multi-layered contexts.
For this perspective on architecture to be truly realised, much con-
sideration should be paid to how we plan our cities. A contextual
approach must be paid to the relevancy and feasibility of our “tried
and tested” methods with regards to zoning, transportation and in-
frastructure.

In the author’s opinion, this could best be achieved by keeping
an ear to the pulse of informal fluctuations within our city limits.
Insurgent activity has shown to not only defy the immovable built
form which limits urban change, but also points to, (and will hope-
fully continue to do so) towards new possibilities and alternative
readings of urban life.

The unavoidable thought must be considered; that architecture, that
great eclectic discipline of producing form, structure and space, will
always carry with it a certain degree of monumentality. To be a mon-
ument, however, should not carry the blame of dysfunctional and dis-
jointed urban environments. Rather, to what or to whom monuments
are erected, will eventually determine the extent and nature of the
impact it will have on our lives.