

TO WORK WITH COMMUNITIES IN A PROPERLY INCLUSIVE WAY, TIME IS KEY, ESPECIALLY IF THE GOAL BECOMES TO BUILD SOMETHING.

Surprisingly, communities and their processes became our biggest challenge. We had recently entered the project community and were only beginning to discover the power dynamics that underpinned their relationships. On the other hand, urbanxchanger was a specific, short term design intervention for co-building, so obviously the bigger pieces of the picture – permeability, edge, front - were never debated. While we did recognize the time constraint within the urbanx-changer idea, we do perceive from the communities their urgency for change posed to building, changing and transforming urban space as a demand to be faced. Perhaps we were also missing the 'glue' (sutrathar) that was holding all the pieces, and us, together.

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