

Quartyard

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Designed by Rad Lab, Quartyard is a model that demonstrates the conversion of undeveloped, vacant city-owned lots into enjoyable, economical gathering places to enhance neighborhoods and surrounding areas.

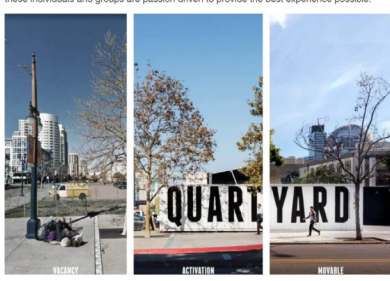


Eventually, these lots will be developed upon, right? Well, this is where the innovative, sustainable construction of something like Quartyard can showcase the method; all of the structures here are made from recycled, repurposed, retrofitted shipping containers that are easily transportable and extend the life usage of these containers as something else entirely.

In fact, Quartyard was not originally located where it is now; it was located in a different lot in East Village, 500 feet away, and had to move once the lot had been sold to a developer.

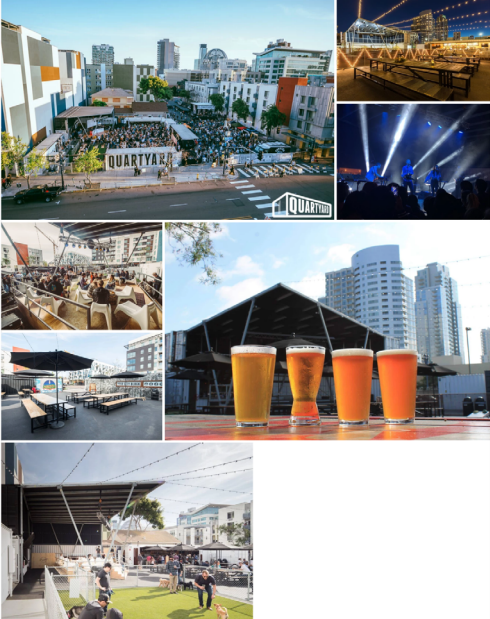


Quartyard could not exist and set an example without support and collaboration between the City of San Diego and local **Activators**, teams and personnel that establish relationships with the community to scout these areas and activate them. As the "heartbeat of the Quartyard," these individuals and groups are passion driven to provide the best experience possible.



- **Vacancy:** Activator(s) sees a vacant, undeveloped lot of opportunity that might be covered in nothing but weeds, trash, and vagrancy
- **Activation:** Space turned into something similar to Quartyard, bringing a memorable, enjoyable feature to an otherwise dismal spot with temporary structures and features.
- **Movable:** If the time comes where the lot owner gives notice that the spot will be developed upon, Quartyard will look to the Activator(s) to secure a new spot where they can continue brightening the community and neighborhoods.

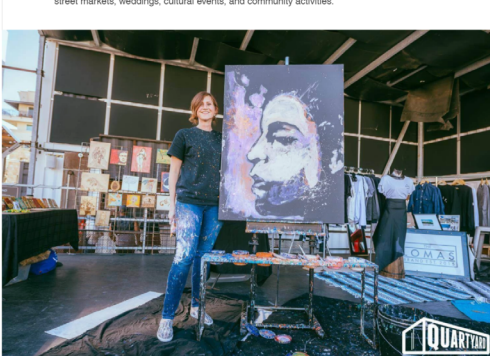
<https://quartyardsd.com/story/>



"The concept is simple, to transform **vacant** city owned land into a thriving public space that is temporarily **activated** for the betterment of the **community**. Quartyards slogan is **Your City Block** and acts as the city's very own backyard."

Vision, <https://quartyardsd.com/story/>

This Urban Park serves as an eatery, dog run, full-service beer garden, and coffee shop, while also being a great spot to see variety of events such as outdoor concerts, art walks, street markets, weddings, cultural events, and community activities.



Quartyard makes an effort to reach out to local providers for these markets and smaller artists for their art and music events in an effort to support their community. Colleges, speakers, and meetings have had Quartyards support in hosting events as well, reaching out to everyone as a pillar within the San Diego experience.



Following Quartyards example, could help cities around the U.S. realize that there are plenty of opportunities for designers, architects, and city governments to come together and create vibrant, sustainable community gathering locations in un-activated spaces. Check out more below:

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