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## Project wants to install first 100% sustainable parklet of Porto Alegre



**Space will be set up on Rua João Telles, in Bom Fim neighborhood, and will be supplied with solar energy**

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A project will be launched next Saturday (6) for the construction of the first 100% sustainable parklet in the capital of the state of Rio Grande do Sul. The space will be set up at General João Telles street, in the Bom Fim neighborhood, within the Sustainable Zone of Porto Alegre (ZISPOA) - an area designed to promote sustainability, innovation and entrepreneurship in Bom Fim, Farroupilha, Floresta, Independência, Rio Branco and Santana.

The project is a partnership between local entrepreneurs, NGOs and even an energy company. The parklet will be fully stocked with photovoltaic energy, which will ensure night illumination and outlets, and will be built from blocks made with leftovers from the civil construction. The facility must occupy two parking spaces on the street. The design still foresees a bike rack attached to the parklet.

Josephyna's, Sim Sala Bim, Urban Ode, Mirá, Elysia, NGO Solidarity and Cooperativa CTSA are the companies at the forefront of the idea. Joao Henrique Martins, owner of Josephyna's, says the group is still studying ways to make the idea financially viable. The total cost for implementation would be R \$ 30 thousand. After being tied, the project will be taken for evaluation of the city of Porto Alegre.

Before that, the details will be presented officially on Saturday, at 2:00 pm, at the Ecoporto Cultural Center Ufrgs, Sala Araucária (Avenida Engenheiro Luiz Englert, 333). The event will be attended by employees and representatives of the Public Transport and Movement Company of Porto Alegre (EPTC).



Space must occupy two parking spaces in front of Josephyna's and Sim Sala Bim. Photo Luiza Prado / JC

Martins says that initially the idea was to erect the parklet just in front of Josephyna's, but the project has evolved and, with the union of friends and partners, is moving towards something that is "a gift" for Porto Alegre.

"We want to help in the revitalization of João Telles and transform it into an example of citizenship, organization and partnership with neighbors. As companies already adopt squares in the city, we can in the future arrange sidewalks and bicycle paths", projects Martins.

The chosen spot for the parklet installation is in front of Josephyna's and Sim Sala Bim, near the Osvaldo Aranha avenue, in a stretch that recently returned to harbor the nightlife of Porto Alegre. In particular the street João Telles, which receives crowds of people both during the day, at cafes, restaurants and fairs on weekends, as well as at night in bars and parties in the West.

Other locations in the city already have parklets licensed by the city hall. In August of last year, nine parklets had the facility authorized by municipal management. The most recent one was mounted on Sarmiento Leite street, in the Cidade Baixa neighborhood.