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Fort Worth project will use familiar metal huts for new homes and commercial buildings

Mixed-use development will use prefab metal buildings on a block south of downtown Fort Worth.



Eight residential units are planned around a central park in the PS1200 project. (Prince Concepts)



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A new Fort Worth mixed-use project is planning to use a familiar building product in an unquestionably creative way.

Builders have repurposed old steel shipping containers for everything from homes to offices and storefronts for years. Now a Fort Worth residential and commercial development will use pre-engineered metal Quonset huts to build a project just south of downtown.

Located at 1200 6th Ave. near West Rosedale Street, the planned project is near Fort Worth's medical district.

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Detroit-based developer Prince Concepts plans to construct eight residential units, three offices and two retail storefronts using the prefabricated buildings.

The structures in the PS1200 development will be assembled around an 8,000-square-foot park.



The development is planned with residential and commercial space. (Prince Concepts)

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“I am excited to bring the Prince Concepts’ development philosophy and place-making to my home state of Texas,” Philip Kafka, president of Prince Concepts, said in a statement.

“PS1200 marks our third development project that employs the Quonset hut as a tool to offer elevated quality space, and it synthesizes the most successful elements of all our previous Detroit-based projects.

“PS1200 thoughtfully combines public green space, inspired dwellings, commerce and office space — providing a place where the Fort Worth community can live, work, gather and intersect to experience urbanism, architecture and landscape.”

First manufactured in the U.S. in 1941, Quonset huts are corrugated steel buildings made out of curved sections.

The structures were widely deployed by the U.S. military during World War II and used for everything from crew barracks to aircraft hangers. After the war, the iconic structures were utilized for commercial and retail buildings, warehouses, barns, garages and many other uses.

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At home in Detroit, Prince Concepts has deployed the metal huts in residential and commercial projects.

The firm’s new Fort Worth development is being designed by Marlon Blackwell Architects and landscape architect Julie Bargmann of D.I.R.T studio along with architect Studio Outside.

Three Quonset hut buildings will house the eight residential units with 20-foot ceilings and glass walls overlooking the park.

A 5,500-square-foot office section and retail spaces will also have glass facades.

A vegan restaurant planned by the creators of popular Spiral Diner and an ice cream and donut shop are also planned for the new development.

PS1200 is scheduled to open in October.



One of Prince Concepts' projects in Detroit. (Prince Concepts)



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