

# Damascus Senior Center Refurbishment



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# Summary of Design

## Exterior Improvements

- Enhancement of the façade with a fresh coat of paint on the existing standing seam metal roof panels and replacement of damaged roof accessories.
- Restoration and repair of exterior masonry walls to ensure structural integrity and aesthetic appeal.
- Replacement of exterior glazing, including leaking windows and storefront systems, with energy-efficient and weather-resistant materials.
- Installation of a new perimeter fence, dumpster enclosure, and mechanical equipment enclosure to enhance security and organization
- Extension of outdoor patio at senior center.
- New slab for outdoor fitness area and associated ramp.



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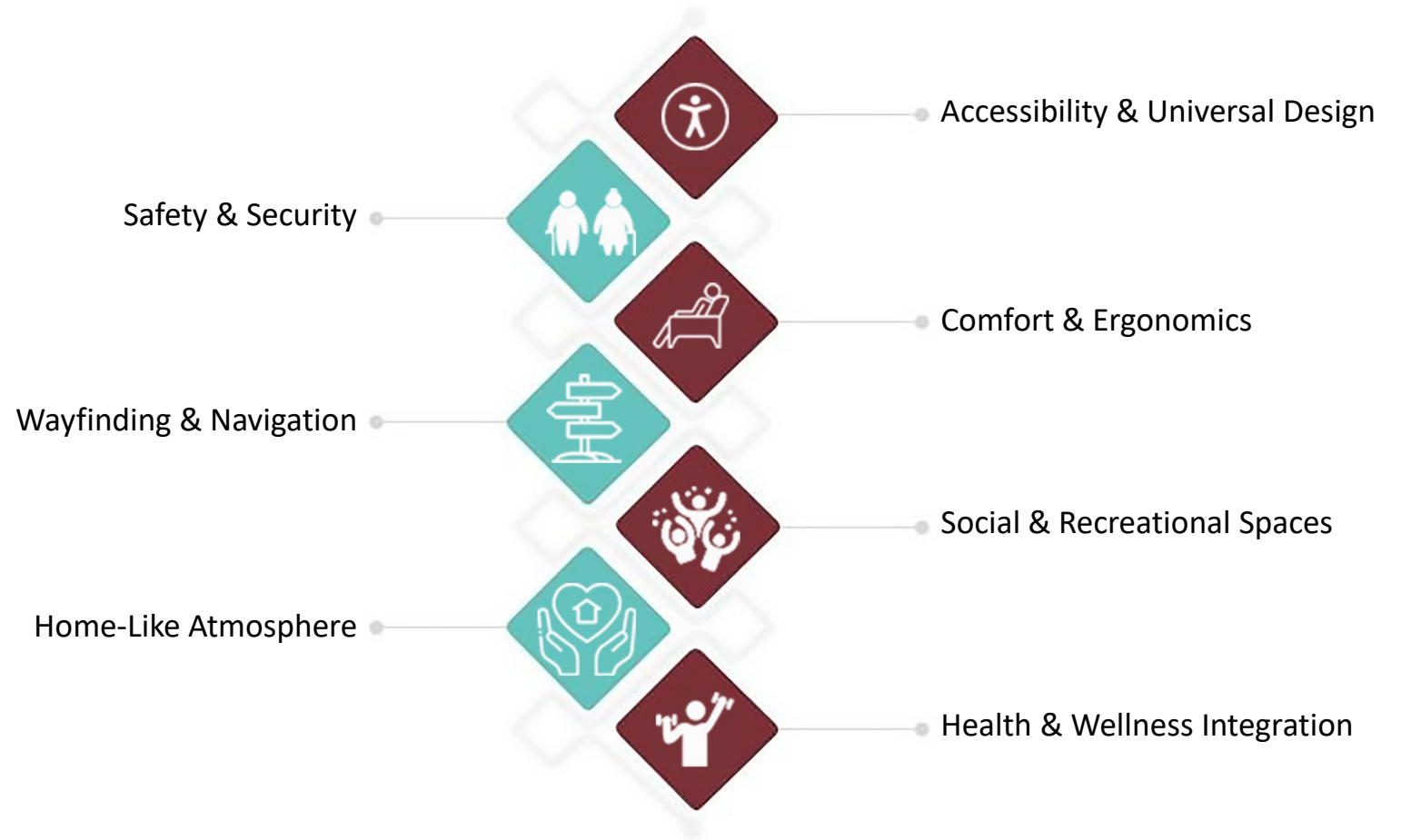
## Interior Improvements

- Comprehensive redesign of the main lobby and vestibule to enhance accessibility and user experience.
- Interior drywall repairs, repainting, and refinishing for a refreshed and modernized aesthetic.
- Facility-wide reflooring and repainting to create a cohesive and contemporary look.
- Installation of new lighting fixtures in areas where required to improve visibility and energy efficiency.
- Full replacement of outdated furniture to align with modern ergonomic and functional standards.
- Implementation of ADA-compliant features at service points to ensure accessibility for all users.
- Reconfiguration of restrooms for ada compliance at senior center.
- Enlargement of warming kitchen at senior center, install new ada compliant serving counters.
- Addition of an ADA-compliant lactation room and a gender-neutral restroom equipped with an adult changing station, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all users.



# Designing the Future

The **Damascus senior center refurbishment** enhances **accessibility, social spaces, and technology** to create a **safe, inclusive, and engaging environment**. With **universal design and sustainable solutions**, it fosters **independence, well-being, and active living** for seniors.



# Design Intent

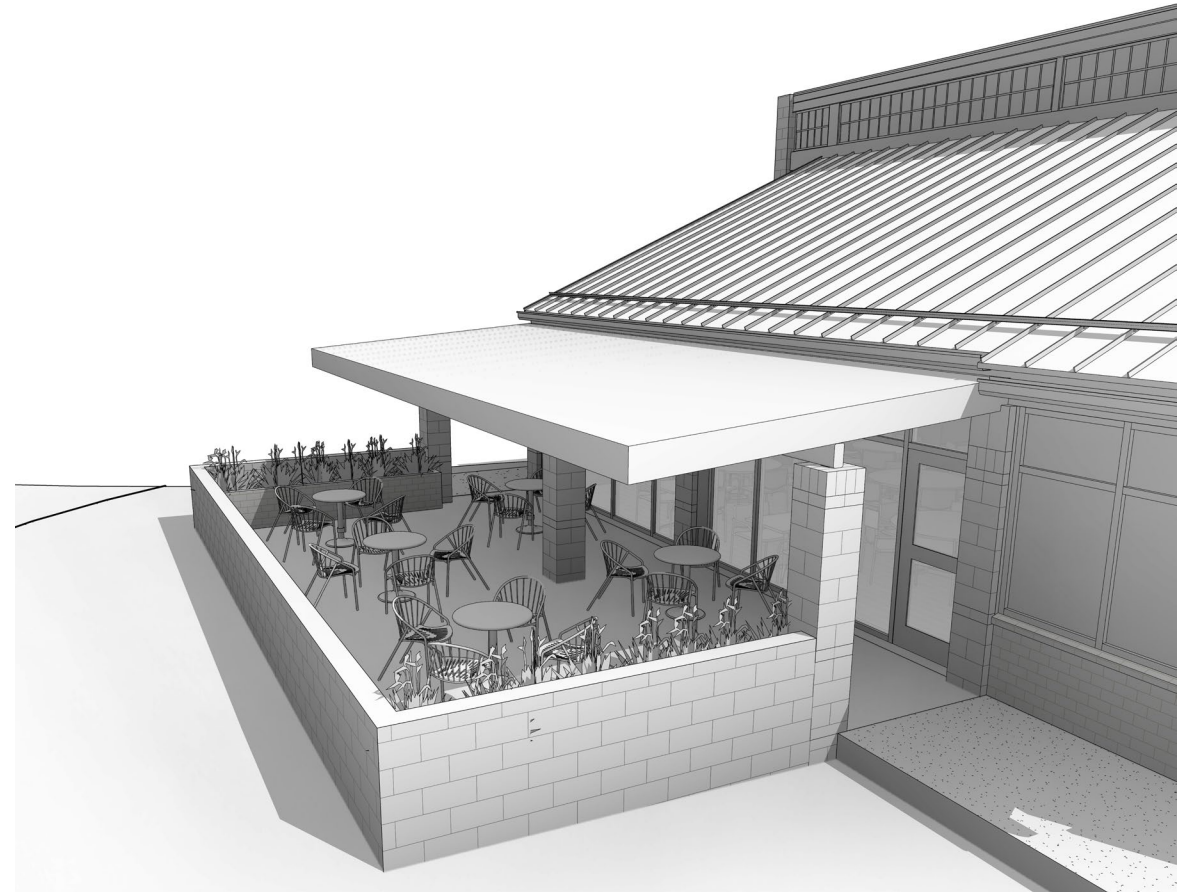
The primary objective of this renovation project is to transform the existing space into a **vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive environment** that effectively caters to the **physical, mental, and emotional well-being** of senior residents. The design approach prioritizes **functionality, safety, comfort, and accessibility**, ensuring that the space fosters **independence, social engagement, and overall well-being** for its users.

- Incorporating **ergonomic** and **mobility-friendly** layouts to enhance movement and reduce fall risks.
- Utilizing **universal design principles** to accommodate individuals with varying physical abilities.
- Creating **multi-functional spaces** adaptable to diverse activities, promoting a sense of community and participation.



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- The **outdoor patio extension** enhances dining with a **safe, accessible, and inviting** space for seniors. Featuring **comfortable seating, shade, and non-slip surfaces**, it encourages **social interaction, relaxation, and connection with nature**, fostering **well-being and community engagement**.
- The **senior center refurbishment** includes the **addition of an outdoor fitness area and an accessible ramp**, enhancing **wellness, mobility, and social engagement** for residents. This new space will feature **age-friendly exercise equipment, and non-slip surfaces**, promoting **safe and inclusive physical activity**.



# Design Features

## ADA Accessibility upgrades:

- Re-Designed Front entrance with ADA door activation buttons
- ADA accessible Water Fountains
- Elimination of excessive door thresholds
- Addition of a gender-neutral, fully ADA-compliant restroom to support inclusivity and accessibility.

## A Calming and Inviting Palette for Senior Living Spaces

The color scheme for this Senior Center project is designed to enhance comfort, accessibility, and visual appeal. **Indigo and harbor blue** in carpet accents provide a sense of depth and tranquility, while **quartersawn oak** adds warmth and natural elegance. **Studio blue-green** introduces a calming, restorative atmosphere, complemented by **hammered silver** wall accents that add a touch of sophistication. This balanced palette promotes **wayfinding, relaxation, and engagement**, ensuring a welcoming and functional space for senior residents.



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## Art & Craft Room Enhancement:

The **art & craft room renovation** aims to create a **safe, efficient, and functional** space that enhances the creative experience for seniors. The design incorporates **custom millwork solutions, dedicated drying racks, ergonomic furniture, and a well-equipped sink area** to support various artistic activities. By optimizing **layout, accessibility, and storage**, the upgraded space will foster **creativity, engagement, and ease of use**, ensuring a more enjoyable and practical environment for senior artists.

## Exercise Room Expansion:

The **exercise room enlargement** is designed to create a **spacious, safe, and accessible** environment that encourages seniors to stay active and engaged. The expanded space will accommodate **a variety of fitness equipment, group exercise areas, and mobility-friendly features**, promoting **physical well-being, social interaction, and overall health** in a comfortable and supportive setting.



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