

What is subsidized housing?

In the past decades, China has undergone a high-speed urbanization all over the country. In order to fulfill the rapid growing needs of residential buildings, a great amount of low-rise (6-8 stories) subsidized multi-family housing projects were built in 1970s and 1980s.

What's wrong with it?

Since the projects were erected quickly and on a limited budget, the public spaces and facilities were poorly planned, designed and constructed. Consequently, children have no play ground near their homes, sport fields and facilities are few and always crowded, and no spaces for outdoor activities and very few public libraries exist.

What is the project?

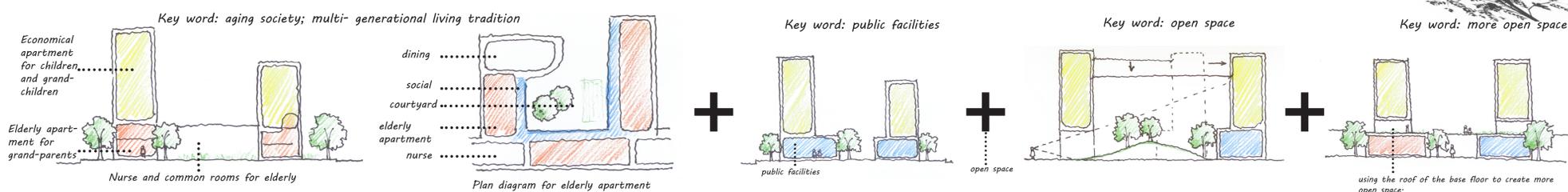
The problem I will address in the project is how to develop a new large housing complex in the existing subsidized residential area. The new type of housing will be designed for the aging society, also improve the living environment for the existing area with public amenities and open space.

Although I will create a particular design for Huoxing, the concept generated here may be useful in many other new development in the subsidized housing area.

Mix-use Multi-Generational Housing in China

and retrofit subsidized housing area with neighborhood facilities and open space

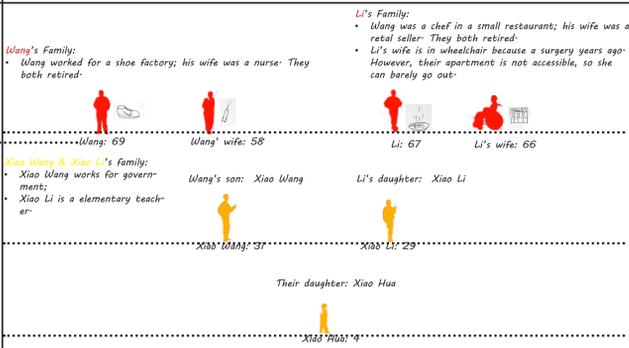
The project is



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A common scenario:

Mandatory retire age for all the government owned facility and company: Men is 60; Women is 50.
One-child policy causes many family in 4-2-1 pattern.



Problems for the families:

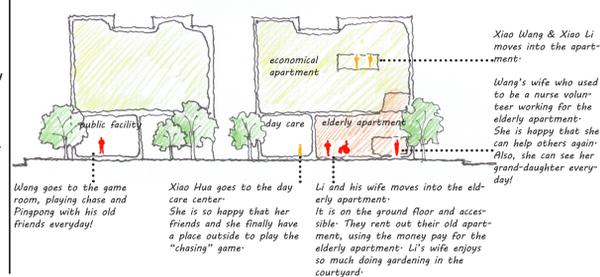
- Both parents want more time with their children and grand-daughter
- Li's apartment is not accessible, so Li's wife can barely go out.
- All elderly feel a sense of emptiness because retiring so young.
- Xiao Hua doesn't have outdoor play ground.

A Humanistic Response:

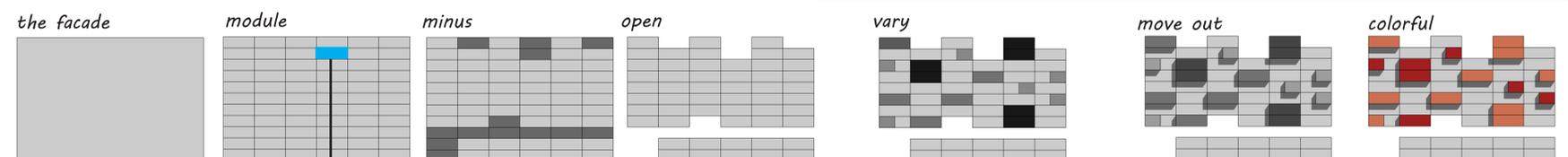
Too much population causes early retire age, one child policy, extremely housing pressure, too little land for open space, little or no public facilities. Also, it causes the loss of many long tradition. The losing of multi-generational living is just one of them. This project is a humanistic architectural response to the social problems.

Solution:

A multi-generational housing has been recently developed in Wang's neighbourhood.



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