

HPS DESIGN PROJECT PROFILE

Member: Older Persons' Commission Senior Center

Project: Renovation/Design Update

Location: Rochester, Michigan

Timeframe: May–November 2016

The HPS Design Center recently worked with the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) to help renovate its 90,000-square-foot facility.

The OPC is a state-of-the-art senior center that provides something for everyone 50 years old and older, with a wide array of personal enrichment, fitness, aquatic, social and travel offerings and more.

“After 14 years of heavy usage, we were desperate for a facelift and needed redecorating ideas,” said Renee Cortright, OPC's executive director. “In an issue of the *Bottom Line*, the HPS design services were highlighted—we liked the designs and decided to give them a call. We also called past customers who benefited from the HPS design services, and they were all complimentary of the service.”

“This was an update renovation project involving primarily new flooring and paint to give the public areas a fresh look,” explained Laura Purdy, IIDA. Laura worked with Designer Sue Wilterdink on the project.

“More color was incorporated with a pattern of accent carpet tiles in the corridors, and LVT (luxury vinyl tile) planks replaced carpet in high traffic/high stain corridors and food service areas,” said Sue.

“It was so helpful to have HPS provide a portfolio of materials for our renovation, and the added value of helping to negotiate with vendors on price for products and services was welcome and unexpected,” Renee explained.

One challenging aspect of the project was the furniture. The existing furniture was still in good shape and OPC wanted to keep it. However, some of the fabrics weren't going to coordinate with the new scheme, so the decision was made to have the lobby and corridor seating reupholstered. Not only did this add new life to the furniture, it did so at a much lower cost.

Valances were installed on the dining room windows to give some added interest and punches of color. Likewise, informational boards were relocated to a different part of the building, so that vibrant art work could be brought in. “Window treatments and art can really add a feeling of warmth to a room,” Laura noted.

The existing furniture and flooring remained the same in the café, but new colors were introduced on the walls to give it a fresh look while keeping the cost down.

“The design team was great! They picked accent paint, carpet, valance fabric and upholstery colors that complement the existing woodwork and signage and updated the look of the center to complement the dynamic programs and services that we provide,” Renee explained. “The addition of the LVT in high traffic areas is a real plus for cleaning and durability. Overall, everyone is excited with the updates and follow-up that the HPS Design Center provided.”

Products purchased through HPS FFE Customer Service:

Flooring: Tandus Centiva, Mannington

Fabrics: CF Stinson, ArcCom

Valances: Triangle Window Fashions

