The district of Transvaal in The Hague city is suffering a lack of sports and play facilities. Research showed us that the spreading of facilities and activities is focused on specific parts of Transvaal while other parts remain unused. One of the other parts is the area on and around the Beijersfield. This former softball field lies there covered behind a home for elderly. There is no connection with Transvaal which is a shame because the field has a lot to offer for the surrounding schools as well as for the whole of Transvaal. In order to make a connection the area needs a few modifications. The home for elderly needs another place where it fits better in the district and the community center will be replaced in the new design. The street between the Beijersfield and the Wijkpark will expose the schools which are now hidden between the housing blocks. The street then transforms into a wedge leading in the direction of Transvaal and creating a new focal point.

The design results in a volume that fits like an extension of the connection with the rest of Transvaal. Halfway the volume it bends downwards parallel to the housing blocks. This way the building creates a square in front of the building. Inside it creates a variety of spaces that now steps away from its surroundings and ask for more attention. The roof part which is on top of the community part creates a roof terrace which itself is divided into two parts: one play roof and one roof garden. In the middle, the roof garden is separated from the play roof with a transparent glass wall.

The material that wraps the building visually together is a red coated and zinced steel plate. With this material the building steps away from the traditional red bricks from the environment and continues with a modern material. Above these steel plates stretched metal provides a transparency to show what’s going on up there. The glass parts in between are transparent and semi-transparent. This way it’s not always clear what is happening inside. This makes people curious and willing to go inside. Besides that it creates some privacy in the parts that ask for this.

When it becomes dark outside the lights go on inside and the moving shades tell the story of what’s going on there.

In the end there appears a building for sports and play with the attraction which was needed to create the connection with the rest of Transvaal. Together with the Wijkpark will they provide Transvaal with sports and play facilities and activities.