FROM POLICE TO "POLIS": COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE

THE COMMUNITY

The final form is not a construction in space, an object in itself; but more of a container, a "shelter" that forms an interface. When less is least, and more is most, architecture enters a new dimension. As simple as it can be. As complex as it needs to be.

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