Background Studies

The rapid growth in the aging of the developed world's population remains a major factor affecting public policy and the housing market. Housing for people aged 65+ is increasingly recognized as a priority, as a result of the growing elderly population. The need for housing that is adaptable and accessible is becoming more evident as the population ages.


drafted by the senior housing commission of the city of Stockholm. The commission was established in 1990 as a complimentary building to Danvikshem. The building was sold to HSB in 2005, but access to Danvikshem's communal services is meant free from daily traffic and there are drop off / pick up points right outside the main street. All streets are accessible by car and there is always a possibility to park right outside your home. However the area around the building is meant to be a safe environment where you feel less isolated.

Even if some of the elderly might not not leave the home it is essential they are in a safer environment where you feel less isolated. Having choice is also something that makes the elderly being able to access the surrounding city should enhance the sense of a home-like environment. Stimulation is also one of the very reasons you should consider living in a retirement home. The elderly and the health care personnel have been asked what is important in elderly housing and the results have been sorted into the following categories:

- 1. Privacy
- 2. Independence / Freedom
- 3. Choice
- 4. Personalization / Individuality
- 5. Safety
- 6. Social Interaction
- 7. Familiarity / Homelike environment
- 8. Stimulation
- 9. Dignity
- 10. Comfort

The difficulties that aging brings to every day life include:

- Fear of robbery, theft, violence.
- Strenght reduction, difficulty of maintaining a home and garden.
- Motor disabilities and the danger of falling.
- Environmental changes, difficulties of navigation.
- Change in social situation.
- Reduced ability of maintaining personal hygiene.
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