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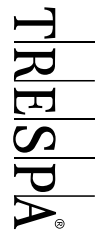
Beth Fulmer, Architect, zpd+a, Chicago

“The large selection of colors can complement many designs”



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### Cicero Community Center

**Location:** Cicero, IL  
**Function:** Mixed use  
**Architect:** zpd+a  
**Installer:** Stuckey Construction  
**Colors:** A22.2.4 Brilliant Blue, A08.2.1 Mid Beige, A22.6.2, Dark Denim  
A06.3.5 Ochre, A08.4.5 Rusty Red  
**Texture:** Satin  
**Fixing System:** TS110 exposed fixing on an aluminum sub-frame

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# “The detailing of the product can produce a variety of appearances”

## A Bright Star in the Cicero Community

The Cicero Community Center in Cicero, Illinois was designed to offer the city’s young people a modern, public space that promoted healthy living and dynamic learning. The 41,000 square foot facility includes a full basketball court and two half courts, a stage for performances, classrooms, administrative offices and the town health clinic. It also incorporates an outdoor activity area and play fountain as well as a large courtyard. The gymnasium is flanked by both translucent and clear glass walls to provide natural daylight for games and open viewing for the public. “We wanted to create a colorful, welcoming space that reflected the vibrant culture of the town’s population, which is over 77% Hispanic. We aspired to make it a vivid, exciting destination for families to visit,” said Beth Fulmer, Architect, zpd+a, Chicago.

The design firm of zpd+a developed a total solution for the Community Center, including all exterior and core interior design, signage and FF&E services. The colors of the building’s exterior reflect the material palette of the buildings on the site—visually identifying the different elements of the building by function.

## Trespa Meteon’s® Role

For the exterior cladding material, the design team had specific criteria for selecting


Trespa Meteon. According to Beth Fulmer, “There were several reasons why the Trespa system fit our needs – the durability of the product, the ability to replace panels if vandalized, the color selection, and the modular qualities of the system.” Approximately 24,500 square feet of Meteon was installed on the Community Center building.

Environmental factors played a key role in determining the ultimate design. The Community Center design was a result of a careful study of the local environmental conditions, including sunlight, views, wind, and moisture. When considering the building materials, the team reviewed the sustainability factors of each product. “In selecting Trespa, we worked with the inherent dimensions of the Meteon panels by placing them on a 10’ grid in an effort to minimize material waste. VOC gas release from the panel surfaces and edges is extremely low, and the product has a long life-cycle.”

On April 14th, 2009, the Town of Cicero was awarded the 2nd Annual “Greentelligence Award” by the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) for their accomplishments on their Community Center, Town Hall and municipal projects. This award “recognizes both creativity and practicality relative to environmental approaches and solutions.”

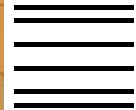
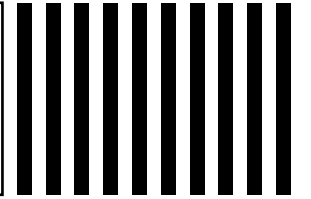
## zpd+a

Founded in 1982 as a four-person studio, the firm has expanded steadily over the last 25 years and has more than quadrupled their staff in the process. Under the leadership of Vincent P. Ziolkowski, AIA and James M. Damato, AIA, zpd+a, LLC, is a multi-disciplinary firm that offers a complete range of architectural, interior design, and planning services, as well as development consulting. The principals and staff at zpd+a have designed or overseen the creation of hundreds of millions of dollars of municipal, educational, institutional, corporate, recreational and building renovation projects. They are well-versed in the development and management of projects that require a well-defined set of planning and design criteria which enable the team to offer functional, aesthetic, and financial solutions. zpd+a is also committed to environmentally-conscious design and have several LEED-accredited professionals on staff.



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