Agenda

8 a.m.  Continental Breakfast and Networking

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Setting the Stage
Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Project Manager, KC Communities for All ages

8:35 a.m.  Designing Housing and Neighborhoods: Enhanced Accommodating Community Design Features
Richard Duncan, Executive Director, RL Mace Universal Design Institute

9:40 a.m.  Local Case Study: City of Raymore Universal Design Pilot Initiative
David Gress, Economic Development Director, Raymore, Missouri

10 a.m.  Questions and discussion

10:25 a.m.  Closing Remarks
Patrick Trouba
Richard Duncan is the Executive Director of the RL Mace Universal Design Institute. Duncan has spent more than 35 years in the field of architectural and product accessibility and universal design in residential, public and transportation environments. He has extensive experience in the design, costs, materials and products in residential and non-residential settings. His work addresses the issues of affordable housing, home and repair financing and transportation accessibility, as well as community design for constituencies that include people with disabilities and older households. He has conducted and managed numerous accessibility assessment and compliance projects over four decades in public, commercial and outdoor environments. Duncan’s work on fair housing and the ADA extend back to the early 1990s. Accessibility and universal design work has taken him around the country and worldwide. He created the nation’s only conferences that address universal homes and communities, Universal Design Summit and Universal Design Today.

Duncan is editor of A Blueprint for Action and was project director of Access Boston: Design Guidebook for Barrier Free Access, the nation’s first urban design guideline for accessibility. He contributed to NAHB’s Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) course and helped conduct the very first CAPS training. Duncan is one of two primary authors of NAHB’s Universal Design Build (UDB) course. He was the first approved UDB instructor in the country. He is the 2003 recipient of the Icons of the Industry Award from the Senior Housing Council (now, 50+ Housing Council) of the National Association of Home Builders.

Duncan heads the RL Mace Universal Design Institute and is executive director of the Better Living Design Institute. Before that he spent 24 years working in two of the nation’s preeminent organizations in the field, the Adaptive Environments Center (now, the Institute for Human Centered Design) in Boston and The Center for Universal Design in North Carolina.

The RL Mace Universal Design Institute is a non-profit organization based in North Carolina dedicated to promoting the concept and practice of accessible and universal design. The Institute’s work manifests the belief that all new environments and products, to the greatest extent possible, should and can be usable by everyone regardless of age, ability or circumstance.

David Gress is a graduate of the University of Missouri–Kansas City’s Urban Planning and Design program. Prior to graduation, Gress was involved in a variety of projects, ranging from neighborhood and community development, urban design and transportation planning, including working as an intern for Kansas City, Missouri, and the Mid-America Regional Council. He has spent the past three years working for Raymore, Missouri, as the associate City Planner and, most recently, the Economic Development Director, where he focuses on community and economic development, and improving the community for the enjoyment of all its residents.