Application

(Please check all applicable boxes and provide requested documentation.)

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Which level of recognition are you applying for?

☐ Bronze / Awareness
☐ Silver / Assessment
☐ Gold / Implementation

Bronze / Awareness

Required:

☐ Governing body has adopted a resolution indicating its intent to become a Community for All Ages. (Please include a copy of the resolution.)

☐ One or more presentations made to governing body and relevant commissions (planning commission, strategic planning committee, aging task force, etc.) on becoming age friendly and the Communities for all Ages program. (Please include a copy of minutes or other documentation about the meetings.)

A minimum of two of the following are required:

☐ Held at least one community meeting to discuss Communities for All Ages issues and present information. (Please include documentation.)

☐ Prepared written materials on the issue and distributed to the public. (Please include materials.)

☐ Established a speakers bureau to share information with neighborhood groups, businesses and civic groups. (Please include a list of each presentation made.)

☐ Put information on demographic changes and CAAA on website. (Please include the web address where this information is located.)

Silver / Assessment

Required:

☐ Met the requirements for the Bronze / Awareness level.

☐ Assembled a committee to conduct the Communities for All Ages assessment, or appointed an existing committee to oversee the assessment. (Please provide documentation.)

☐ The committee used the “Communities for All Ages Checklist” to assess the community and issued a report of its findings, including recommended actions. (Please provide a copy of the report. To assist in recording your progress, download a Checklist workbook at MARC.org/CAAre cognition.)
Gold / Implementation

Required:

☑ Met the requirements for the Bronze / Awareness level and the Silver / Assessment levels.

☑ Adopted the Communities for All Ages plan developed from the community’s assessment, either as a stand-alone plan or as a part of another plan, such as a comprehensive plan or street plan. (Please provide a copy of the plan and the resolution or ordinance adopting the plan.)

To maintain your recognition level

- After achieving one of these levels of recognition, a community must demonstrate that it is continuing to work to become a Community for All Ages, by moving to the next level or demonstrating a substantive investment identified in the Communities for All Ages plan.
- If a community fails to meet this maintenance standard every two years, it will forgo its recognition and the benefits that result.

Additional Comments

Please provide any additional comments you think are important for consideration of this application, including steps taken to implement plan recommendations.

All supporting documents referenced in the workbook can be found on the City of Excelsior Springs website at www.cityofesmo.com.

Working through the Silver Level has taught us to look closely at what we have done then enabled us to learn new ways of doing things. The vision is to become more efficient when looking at current and future ordinances, and development projects differently with the aging lens. I don’t see us doing things "the way we always have done them". I see the City of Excelsior Springs looking outside the box and exploring new avenues.

Sharon Powell, Mayor Pro Tem
Become a Community for All Ages

A checklist to help you become age friendly

Workbook version

Does your city or county need tools to help it become a Community for All Ages? This checklist is designed to be used together with *Making Your Community Work for All Ages — A Toolkit for Cities* as a way to raise awareness, plan actions and assess your city for age friendliness.

This Workbook is designed to assist committees assigned to document progress on their city’s age-friendly self-assessments using the Communities for All Ages Checklist. Enter progress information, notes, statistics, to-do lists, etc., in the green text boxes corresponding to each Policy and Action Item.

A final version of this Workbook may be used to support your application to the KC Communities for All Ages recognition program.

1. Public outdoor spaces and buildings

(See *Making Your Community Work for All Ages — A Toolkit for Cities*, Chapter 2)

Locate, design and construct public facilities to allow for connectivity with neighborhoods and other destinations, and enable maximum use and benefit by residents, visitors and employees of all ages.

Cities are responsible for the location, design and construction of parks, trails, community centers, city halls and other public facilities and spaces. Most communities have assessed these facilities to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and some have taken steps to make improvements beyond the minimums established by ADA.

Physical limitations and mobility needs must be considered when designing and creating both outdoor spaces and buildings. Residents with physical limitations are more comfortable, safe and active when communities consider and address their needs in the design of public buildings and spaces. The following policies and actions provide guidance on maximizing physical accessibility to public spaces for all levels of ability and age.
Policy

1-A The city develops and implements age-friendly policies that consider the needs of persons of all ages in the siting, design and development of public spaces. Examples include: parks and other outdoor spaces, walkways, outdoor seating, streetscapes and buildings.

___ Existing policies. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

Existing policies for sidewalks, outdoor spaces, building and streetscapes are included in our Development Guide.

In the future, we could use Eagle Scouts to do projects on outdoor seating. Would like to establish programs with neighborhoods on trash pickup in areas.

1-B The city plans and constructs bike and pedestrian facilities to maximize use and safety for all users. Examples include: width, surface material and expected use. The city may use the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials’ (AASHTO) Highway Safety Manual standards or other recognized standards for bicycle and pedestrian facility design.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

We have Roads and Bridges Grants and use the Standard Universal and ADA designs.

1-C The city designs and builds its public buildings to meet the needs of residents of all ages. Examples include: easy-to-read signage and accessible elevators, ramps, railings and stairs, and non-slip floors.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

We use ICC 2012 building codes.

1-D The city prioritizes safety in parks and neighborhoods. Examples include: providing good street lighting, trimmed trees and bushes and other appropriate safety measures.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

Parks and Recreation is looking into adding lighting to our trails. Lighting in neighborhoods has been adopted.
The city involves residents of varying ages and abilities in planning for the siting and design of public outdoor spaces and buildings.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

*The city completed a community survey for public engagement. Some city commissions go to neighborhoods and go door to door inviting them to public meetings, all meetings are posted on the city website ad front door of the meeting location.*

**Action**

**1-F** The city provides seating areas in public outdoor spaces and outside public buildings in recognition that residents have different levels of mobility and stamina.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*There is seating at various bus stops. Business owners provide seating outdoors.*

**1-G** Stairways on public property, including within park facilities, are designed and constructed to maximize safety. Examples include: railings and painted or taped stair tips to distinguish each step.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*Discussed having MPR reinstated to inspect public areas. A sidewalk report was done in 2012. MODOT is scheduled to redo the road on 10 Hwy through town and will add sidewalks in the Spring 2017.*

**1-H** The city provides ample parking and drop-off areas near the entrances to public facilities that meets mobility and accessibility needs of all citizens. (ADA requirements are an expected minimum, the composition of the community and the expected use of a facility may dictate additional spaces to improve resident experience at public facilities.)

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*ADA requirements are minimum. The American Community Services website is the source for ideas.*
1-I The city considers the mobility needs and stamina of all citizens in accessing city services and provides flexible customer arrangements. Examples include: separate waiting lines and seating if the wait is long, special queues and service counters and online and mail-in access.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The Hall of Waters building will add additional chairs to waiting areas; to accommodate during water shut off days, elections, etc. This will build awareness.

1-J The city encourages walkability in downtown areas.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

Downtown has the wider ADA sidewalks and a walking trail through downtown areas.
Provide age-friendly housing options.

Studies document that older citizens wish to “age in place.” Buyers and renters of all ages are becoming wary of the costs of commuting long distances. Communities that provide a range of age-friendly housing options will retain their older adult residents and provide an attractive alternative for all ages looking for housing.

Cities have a role in the siting and design of housing and commercial development through their planning and regulatory processes. Through these processes, cities can impact how well development meets the needs of all populations.

Policy

2-A The city conducts an audit of its development codes to ensure that a range of housing options are allowed, particularly in places connected to public transit, employment centers and community services.

___ Existing policies. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

There is a range of housing options and policies in place.

2-B The city has in place policies to allow for and encourage a range of housing options, including accessory and shared dwellings that meet the needs of all ages and generations.

___ Existing policies. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

Code allows for an attached dwelling for accessory Mother In Law Quarters.

2-C The city evaluates and streamlines its building code review processes to be consistent with adopted plans and policies, including those that reduce costs and provide housing in a range of cost points.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)
There is a range of affordable housing in Excelsior Springs.

2-D The city has in place policies that encourage developers to include features in new or restored housing stock that meets the different mobility needs of as many people as possible. Cities may refer to universal design, enabling design, visit ability features or other design elements.

___ Existing policies. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

We do not have any policies in place but are looking at universal design which allows full access to amenities. We only have an organization that has an agent who advises.

2-E The city evaluates its zoning and building code review processes to ensure that the siting and design of commercial properties consider the needs of users of all ages.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City reviews its zoning and building codes once a year to consider the needs of all users. Reference Zoning Code on website.

Action

2-F The city uses its property maintenance enforcement to support neighborhood quality and, as appropriate, assists property owners in identifying resources to maintain their homes.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

We are working on a 353 tax abatement program and PACE program.

2-G The city and its partners make information available about housing options within the city that meet different mobility and dependence levels.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

Excelsior Springs is mostly fixed income.

2-H The city has a property tax relief program for homeowners with a fixed income who meet defined criteria (if allowed under state law).
Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*Ameren UE has a program to work with apartment complexes for maintenance upkeep but not for individuals yet.*

2-1 The city and its partners offer residents information about assessing and protecting their property to strengthen crime prevention.

Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*Sources through the Police Department, Library, and Community Development Department.*
Ensure that the community transportation system meets the needs of all users.

Healthy, vibrant communities provide multiple, accessible transportation options that contribute to the independence of all residents. Young adults, baby boomers and all ages increasingly seek and choose communities where they can walk, bike or access transit to get to school, work, services and entertainment.

There are many resources available to help a city meet this criterion, including guidelines and checklists provided by the National Complete Streets Coalition (www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets), U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Bikeability Checklist (www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/bikeability/); Bicycle Friendly America (www.bikeleague.org/bfa); and Walk-Friendly Communities. (www.walkfriendly.org/). These guidelines help communities ensure that the transportation system meets the needs of all users. Cities can work proactively with local transit operators to plan and implement transit services to address the needs of their residents and workforce.

Policy

3-A The city addresses multiple transportation modes in its comprehensive plan.

Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

Excelsior Springs is built on many hills in the downtown area but has walkways and trails for bicycles; Rainbow Trail is on the west side of town that is level. Drew Stiehl provided documents to improve upon this in the future.

Our bus is funded through a 5311 Grant Program. A transportation plan is in our Comprehensive Plan. We have the OATS bus for senior citizens. We have one Uber driver registered in town. We look to do an inventory on services in town and add bus stop signs at the new Community Center.
3-B The city has adopted a Complete Streets resolution or comparable policy and is taking steps to implement the policy.

___ Existing policy. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

*When we redo a street we also redo the sidewalks.*

3-C The city – with or without a transit partner – works to ensure public transportation stops and stations have infrastructure that meets the needs of all ages and abilities. Examples include: shelter with lighting, benches and curb cuts.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*We only have one shelter for public transportation stops. Would like to improve upon this in other areas of town in the future.*

3-D The city and its partners review and consider adoption of older driver and pedestrian safety provisions in the region’s long-range safety plan. The city may use *Toward Zero Deaths 2013–2017*, or other recognized standards as guidance.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

*Will use Toward Zero Deaths on MARC website and document process of complaints on website to voice concerns.*

**Action**

3-E The city works with partners, including transportation providers, to develop and implement strategies to support independence of non-drivers and those with additional needs for assistance in using transportation options.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*Will utilize Drew Stiehl’s Inventory of Transportation Services, and we utilize Jet Express driving program to drive people throughout town. It was discussed to visit with Tina Ulridge of Clay County to service the drivers. Will also utilize the volunteer program for transportation needs as well.*
3-F The city and its partners provide resource information on where residents can find transportation options.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*Bus stops provide information, signage, and transportation plan in our Comprehensive Plan.*

3-G The city constructs pedestrian facilities to allow for safe travel to transit stops and stations from neighborhoods and other locations.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*Safe travels from stops- already in place.*

3-H The city and its partners provide resource information for determining older driver competency and the supports available for transitioning from driver to passenger.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*We will utilize KC Communities For All Ages Program.*

3-I The city has considered application for or has achieved the Walk-Friendly Community designation from the Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center. (www.walkfriendly.org)

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*The city has considered applying.*

3-J The city has considered application for or has achieved the Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists. (www.bikeleague.org/bfa)

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*The city has applied for becoming a bicycle friendly community.*
Include all residents in developing community activities and adapt communication strategies for multiple audiences.

By leveraging the knowledge, skills and abilities of all residents and including them in decision-making, communities create a competitive advantage for themselves. Cities will benefit when residents of all ages are an integral part of a community and the cities are knowledgeable about their diverse needs.

Meaningful participation in affordable community activities helps residents to develop relationships, maintain good health and have a sense of belonging. Cities obtain input from all residents to develop community activities that will engage residents and meet their needs.

Policy

4-A The city and its partners understand the demographic makeup of residents, engages with the community and then designs programming, including recreational opportunities, that respects the needs and interests of diverse populations.

Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The Community Center, Parks & Recreation, Senior Center, School District, Mid-Continent Public Library, and a local artist provide programs for all ages within Excelsior Springs. There are a variety of services within the City such as the Good Samaritan Center and Rebuilding Together Clay County to assist disadvantaged families and individuals.

4-B The city has a comprehensive communication plan with marketing and outreach strategies and tools that include diverse public imagery, depicting all ages, cultures and abilities.

Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)
The City does not have a comprehensive communication plan at this time. We utilize the local newspaper, Constant Contact, Nixle, Community Center flyers, notices on water bills, and considered a message board in the center of the city.

4-C The city communications plan requires that information about accessibility of facilities and transportation options is included when publishing information about city activities and events.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

The City of Excelsior Springs is committed to ensuring all public buildings and recreation facilities are accessible to people of all ages and abilities. The City offers public transportation through a 5311 Grant Program, the Chamber of Commerce runs two trolleys with parking areas, and the Downtown Excelsior Partnership has created a map which has been made accessible to everyone.

Action

4-D The city communication plan includes strategies to work with partners to inform people at risk of social isolation about community activities and events.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

Yes, marketing to seniors is posted at the Senior Center. It helps that it has been moved to the Community Center where everything gets posted. The Senior Center also offers meals to home bounds for older adults who might be subject to social inclusion. A partnership with the Good Samaritan Center, Excelsior Springs Medical Center, and doctors' offices is recommended. The City cable channel, City's website, and social media outlets are utilized but communication of this is a challenge.

4-E The city partners with community organizations to develop and implement opportunities for utilizing and showcasing the skills and contributions of all ages, cultures and abilities.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City partners with local organizations and businesses for activities such as the Farmers Market, Waterfest, The BBQ Contest and Fly-In Over the River, Solar Fest, Wine Fest, art skills
for all ages, and appreciations for veterans. Message boards in businesses throughout town display local events.
Provide opportunities for residents to be involved and keep all residents informed of city affairs and of employment and volunteer opportunities and other ways to be engaged.

With increased levels of involvement in community affairs and civic life, citizens are well positioned to build connections and support communities for all ages.

Cities will benefit from welcoming residents to be employed or become involved in city affairs. Input and participation from residents of all ages will strengthen the city’s programs and services.

Policy

5-A The city has a policy in place to encourage civic participation by all age groups in the community.

___ Existing policy. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

_The Mayor appoints the Excelsior Springs Board and Commission members, we have a joint proposal with KH Consulting for the beginning of a volunteer program, and our local churches encourage civic participation for all ages. A community wide data base could take the place of the current methods._

Action

5-B The city maintains and promotes a list of volunteer and employment opportunities within city government and offers an easy means to apply, including drop in, mail, on line and telephone.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

_In the beginning stages of a joint partnership with KH Consulting, between the City and our Downtown Excelsior Partnership to create a volunteer program and list on the City’s website._
5-C The city provides flexible options for volunteers of all ages and abilities, including training, recognition and guidance.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*KH Consulting has been chosen for training, building, recognition, and guidance of volunteers.*

5-D The city encourages stakeholders, community organizations and nonprofits serving its community to work with volunteers of all ages, cultures and abilities, using best practices and guidelines for volunteer engagement and management promoted by organizations such as the Shepherd Center's Coming of Age, the United Way of Greater Kansas City, United Way of Wyandotte County and Nonprofit Connect.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*The City of Excelsior Springs has connections with the Good Samaritan Center and our local churches as our source of encouragement for volunteer engagement. Often, the volunteers complete the work and the churches provide a meal to the workers.*

5-E The city and its partners encourage local businesses to adopt flexible employment practices to meet the needs of citizens of all ages.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*The City has not taken the lead in this initiative but may attempt to in the future and supports this concept.*

5-F The city and its partners develop an outreach plan to ensure residents of all ages are included in community and civic conversations.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

*The Excelsior Springs School District holds open houses and there is talk of expansion of the Mid-Continent Public Library. The Excelsior Springs Community Center hosts a variety of activities*
for those age 60 and older. The activities include the arts, exercise, music, etc. The City Council has open meetings, and board and commission meetings are also open to the public.

5-G The city ensures that meeting locations are accessible to all residents and meet the communication needs and challenges of diverse populations.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City hosts meetings in the Hall of Waters Building and is ADA accessible with an automated entryway, elevator, and proper curb cuts to accommodate wheelchair access. Other meeting rooms in town offer space for a larger capacity and are also ADA accessible.
Offer a range of community and health services that address the needs of all ages.

Many residents desire easy access to a range of health and social services. Communities that address the community and health services needs of residents can generate value from both a real estate and a community health perspective.

Local governments may offer a range of direct services at their public facilities or work with private for-profit or nonprofit providers to deliver services using city facilities. In some cases, communities identify health needs and encourage private providers to locate programs and services in the city.

Policy

6-A Applicable city plans recognize the need for health care services that are accessible to all residents and served by transportation options.

___ Included in city plans. (Please cite and attach copies for documentation.)

Yes, the City’s Transportation Department provides rides for a small fee to doctor’s offices, hospital, pharmacy, grocery, and banks. The OATS bus is also a working service, and the Good Samaritan Center has a shuttle service.

Action

6-B The city, in partnership with area health care organizations, makes arrangements to offer health services at community facilities. Examples include: hearing tests, hearing aid cleaning, flu shots, blood pressure checks, etc.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)
Within the community, the Senior Center, Good Samaritan Center, Hospital, VA Clinic, and the Health Express Center provide periodic health screenings, blood pressure checks, flu shots, classes at the medical center, and a podiatrist visits the Senior Center periodically.

6-C The city, in partnership with the local public health department, publicizes plans and services to improve the rate of immunizations among city residents.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The Clay County Health Department included and did a recent assessment on exclusion. Also, Clay County goes to the Baptist Church and publicizes on community billboards, with flyers and the social ways. Pharmacy’s post and give immunizations for allergies.

6-D The city has educated personnel to ensure those who work with the public are knowledgeable about specialized needs for citizens of different ages and abilities. Personnel are also trained in applicable reporting requirements of abuse or neglect, regardless of age.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

We have educated personnel but have no policy for specialized needs. The Excelsior Springs Fire Department and Police Department can contact a social worker for abuse or neglect cases of any age. Our Senior Center Staff is trained to detect abuse, especially with home bound senior citizens. In public buildings such as the Hall of Waters, the use of aids; chairs for long lines, defibulators, etc. are used, and a central contact person is listed for emergencies.

6-E The city promotes and enables the location of full-service grocery stores and retail establishments to expand the availability of healthy food options.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The local Price Chopper and Walmart provide healthy food sections. The Good Samaritan teaches and provides healthy choices for disadvantaged households, and the City has a Farmer’s Market.
6-F The city works with local ambulance providers to ensure city demographic information is incorporated into planning for services.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

Ambulance providers look at demographics and coordinate with City Staff, the Excelsior Springs Medical Center, the Fire Department and EMS, and they all work together.

6-G The city, in partnership with area health care organizations, has developed and implemented education programs about healthy choices and preventive services, including the benefit of smoking cessation.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City of Excelsior Springs has a smoke free policy and ordinance in place that covers building, and city vehicles. The Excelsior Springs Medical Center offers classes and wellness programs for all in the surrounding areas. The City is working on a partnership with the Medical Center to offer more. CPR Classes are available through the Excelsior Springs Fire Department.

6-H The city encourages healthy eating by providing information to residents about programs such as home-delivered meals, food banks or other resources.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City has a connection with the University of Missouri Extension that provides information on healthy eating. The Excelsior Springs Medical Center has dieticians on staff, Price Chopper offers healthy choice sections, and the local food banks are available for residents in need of food and offer health services. The City provides information and locations of food assistance on the City’s website.
6-I The city encourages healthy eating and community participation by supporting community gardens and other initiatives that promote healthy eating.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City encourages community gardens but has not had enough volunteers to keep it maintained. The City offers space and supports the Farmer’s Market. Non-profit connect was mentioned as a resource and Shawnee has a part-time coordinator on the KC Community Center website that has saved them money, something for us to consider.

6-J The city and its partners provide referrals to those residents identified as needing more intensive services.

___ Completed. (Please provide documentation.)

The City's Department Head Personnel provide information and referrals on a case by case basis but works hard to connect citizens with services to assist them, including those who need more intensive services. The Senior Center Director can assist in their department, the Good Samaritan Center finds a room for assistance or referrals to individuals or families as needed, the Police and Codes Department may contact the local hotel to put people in for a short stay if needed. The Police Department also is trained to recognize a young person with a particular problem or a Senior in need. The Excelsior Springs Medical Center provides classes for patients with dementia and other assistance needs.
COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2017, 5:00PM


Silver Level, Session I Meeting, for the Community For All Ages Program
Cathy Boyer-Shosel led the meeting. Millennials outweigh the baby-boomers. Something to look at through the next century would be walkable sidewalks. MARC with first suburbs partnered for levels and program. Cathy explained the levels, ten currently achieved. Mission and Rowland Park are Silver. Excelsior Springs is Bronze. She explained the process that we did. They looked at 372 survey responses to use during Silver level. Six policy areas -(4 & 5 can be combined). Create a task force with residents. Invite Drew Steel to transportation portion. Ask someone from the Health Department to attend meeting during that portion. Question: Are we doing the things on the list or policy? Answer: Do not have to do it all. Conclusion: Bring all together. Outcome: City not responsible for all. Deadline: April 1st. Get workbook to use to pull together. We have the paperwork from the day. Multiple Surveys, Analysis. Sonya Morgan asked if a component might be added to the City’s masterplan.

Department Heads need to pick out 1 item. Example: For Agenda-that particular staff person puts action of CFAA-on park plan. Some communities choose CFAA as plan B. Another Example: Liberty’s Transportation Department has their Spanish speaking population rising. Communication and Community-recommend a plan around language. (Add residents to our meeting.) What to expect-no questions today.

Going forward, set up a task force with Cathy, Shannon, and Sharon to help. Meetings every other week, some back to back. Times - 4 or 5pm. Meetings – 3:00pm. Drew&Aaron and/or Nate Nate knows Sharon - Quality of Life - the Force TASK FORCE: Hospital, Housing Authority, Denise at Senior Center, Sandy Ganzer or Carol, DEP, McElwee’s, Tasha with the Chamber, Realtors, people on survey, Sharon Powell, Sonya Morgan, Boards people, Staff on sheet.

Cathy will open the week of Friday the 17th at 3:00pm, Wednesday the 22nd at 3:00pm, Tuesday the 28th at 3:00 or 5:00 pm.

Outdoor spaces and buildings?
Thursday, March 2nd
Wednesday, March 8th but HPC at 5pm
Monday, March 13th
Tuesday, March 14th
Last week – March 27th or 28th

COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2017, 3:00PM


Meeting for the Community For All Ages Program
Cathy Boyer
Overview-Boomers are aging, MARC developed a toolkit with differences between boomers and millennials. Bronze-For Awareness, Silver-Do Tasks, Gold-Implementation.

1- Public outdoor spaces and buildings:

1A) Chad Birdsong- out of Development Guide-Subdivisions, sidewalks. Cathy Ruckman said outdoor seating would be nice. Would like to add to subdivision policy or to main areas for public spaces. Sonya Morgan stated in redevelopment areas they ask to take down a bad house to make an area for sitting. This process could take on groups to help with projects like Eagle Scouts. Can do an adoption program with groups. Park partnerships can be established with residents to pick up trash, etc.

1B) Chad Birdsong said roads, bridges grants the standards are universal standards or ADA design. Joseph Ruckman said some sidewalks are a disgrace, people live there because they can afford that house and can’t use the sidewalk. Chad Birdsong explains the current plan they have started to rebuild some.

1C) Public Buildings signage building codes are 2012. Trying to figure out rehab for Hall of Waters actively right now.

1D) Nate Williams- trails to connect, checking into lighting and signage for trails but looking expensive. Neighborhoods- Lighting adopted. Site triangles have code per Chad and Larry.

1E) Public engagement of Community Center and open forum. Some boards and commissions some have door to door neighborhood meetings. It’s not policy or remain an action. Do you want it to be policy?

1F) Seating- Bus stops, businesses put out own seating. City can do more seating?

1G) Old Pepsi Plant. See Workbook. MPR should be reinstated to inspect. Pick the ones that are priorities. Chad said it’s hard. Sidewalk report in 2012. MODOT for 10 Hwy and at Concourse. All upcoming.

1H) ADA requirements are minimum. Is it ADA spots adequate? Look at American Comm Services website.
1L) There is one chair in the Hall of Waters. Is there a time when we need more chairs? During shut-off days. This builds awareness and put out more chairs. Sonya- Comment form on website can put on Facebook is an option.

Next Meeting is February 22, 2017. Ask HPC and Housing Authority and real estate people to come to the next meeting. Meeting ended at 4:16pm.
COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2017, 3:00PM


Section #2 – Housing & Commercial Development
Cathy Boyer-Shosel led the meeting. She handed out projections and implications for housing a growth population. The Senior living wants to live in their homes and neighborhoods.

2A) Molly-we allow housing with mil house based on 1980s, a larger house. Now want a larger or smaller house within the neighborhoods. Does codes allow on accessory living for mother-in-law quarters, accessory dwelling attached to house now? We don’t allow for separate. Do we want to allow for accessory? Dwelling-Blue Springs did to be prepared. May not be single going forward.

2B) Talked about us here.

2C) There is a range of affordable housing in Excelsior Springs. Starting to look at codes for user friendly approach. Cathy to send form __________ categories, sending to Molly.

2D) Design – Universal Design – principles to allow full access to amenities. Example: the home, with wider hallways, wider doors, etc. Do we have agencies that evaluate? – NO, Good Samaritan has an agent to advise but that is all. This can be at the next joint meeting. – Yes, good idea!

2E) Commercial Design – on Correct Codes – it accommodates the elderly (age). In parking too. What does it mean to you? All according to age. Courtney-the fixtures in the hotel were not accessible for wheelchairs. ADA-met but not accessible. Have one of our residents come and give their opinion. Example: Steep grade to get in building. Policies-to come to the council? Molly wants people to stay or move into a house there to use. Others that have to stay-would we allow Shared Housing like Golden Girls? There is no license to justify that.

Sharon gave sorority house example: Actions-

2F) Just talked about – what are resources for maintaining the homes. In cooperation with Real Estate Agents to publicize it. How to?

2G) Fixed income – No, under 353, sending to Molly.

2H) Ameren – Clint-have a program to work with apartment complexes to keep for maintenance and not out to individuals yet.

Survey-look at – NO -bring to next meeting 2/28/17 –Drew Stiehl next week the 28th and do 4&5 at same time.

General Comments on Housing
-have too much rental – from 2008
-builders, couldn’t turn them for sale than had to.
- Lyndsey — as a City, can we do something to get locals to do local landlords?
- Page 5 — the shape of older renters will grow.
- House ownership is not wanted any longer.
- Jinx — there is no place to go that is not $225,000.00
- Her friends have moved to Kearney and Liberty to the affordable home. Kearney has assisted living facility with groups to do things.
- Cathy — do we do finding data of neighborhood and do of HPC?
- Molly — walkability also about this — no next week.
- Complete street project doing.

31) We've considered applying — a lot of work.
She is sending universal housing develop design.
Beth — Wheelchair.
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FEBRUARY 28, 2017, 3:00PM


Meeting for the Community For All Ages Program
Cathy Boyer-Shosel and Drew – Stehl – Transportation
Benches, get sheet of an example of mobility. AARP link sending to me. Jinx-trailers in the driveway-mobile home. *Accessory Ordinance sent to Molly from Blue Springs. Start with transportation.

3A) Transportation models—we have walkways or trails. The hills make it difficult to ride bikes but we have rainbow trail and one downtown. Sidewalks are a mess. We want to add in for bikes. However, that is costly. Drew will send documents. We have had sidewalk evaluations done in 2012. Our bus system—Brent Bishop explained the program. It is funded by 5311 Grant.

Review transportation plan – in comprehensive plan. Molly goes through all transportation, such as the airport. There needs to be bus stop signage at the Community Center to know where to stop. We have an ordinance for golf carts and airport. We have OATS. We do have one Uber driver out now. Inventory of services in town is needed. Missouri Rights-website and catalog.

Called Jet Express-Driver Program: they offer to drive people. We can talk to Tiva Uridge of Clay County. Some entity to service the drivers is needed. Cathy will check with Tiva Uridge. When we meet with KH Volunteers, we can utilize it. Put together a list like Uber. Universal Design – Brent

3B) Have we adopted complete streets resolution? Adding trees for people to walk. Brent added to compile a plan when we re-do the street to re-do that sidewalk, but don’t set out to. Call Emily Randall from Mission – Brent.

3C) With or without at transit partner. We have only one shelter.

3D) Toward Zero Deaths – on MARC website. Timing of stop lights through MoDot. Document process of complaints or something on the website to voice concerns.

ACTIONS
3E) Drew-inventory of transportation services.
3F) Ties into inventory.
3G) Safe travels from stops-already talked about.
3H) Are there resources? KC Communities of All Ages.
3I) Considered application? Have we? YES – Bike Friendly – Anonymous will make congestion worse, spike in population growth. How do we communicate with all? No one wants to give us their own car. 18th & Vine going to be train in ground. Several locations have them.

Chapter 4 & 5 – Thursday
Cathy to send Des Moines’ comprehensive plan.
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MARCH 2, 2017, 3:00PM

Present: Lyndsey Baxter, Taran Swoboda, Sarah Davis, Jinx Fisher, Sharon Powell, Courtney Cole, Sonya Morgan, Denise Bedford, Ashley Taylor, Nate Williams, Clint Reno, Chad Birdsong, Paul Tribble and Shannon Stroud.

Meeting for the Community For All Ages Program
4A) Have done with Community Center – Parks & Recreation along with the Senior Center and programs for all ages. Through school district, Mid-Continent Public Library. Jinx-Do we have anything for the Hispanic population? If we did, then would we be diverse? Chad – Our size has more so we should be prepared. Courtney – demographics.

4B) No comprehensive communication plan at this time. Newspaper, Constant Contact, Nixle, Community Center flyers. On water bills, we put notices but tenants may not see it and it only goes out twice a year. This helps in doing our master plan. Can we use a message board?

4C) Chamber – Trolleys and potential parking areas and some DEP have done a map and made accessible.

4D) Marketing to seniors: no mailings, no budget, post everything at the center. It helps being at the center and we should partner with the Good Samaritan Center, the Hospital, and doctors’ offices. Communication of this is a challenge. Mediacom Channel.

4E) Sponsorships with organizations. Looking at bulletin board ideas throughout the city. Solar Fest Focused on City Activities. Ideas, issues maybe the flashing, License Bureau has one.

*Let more people know about Omni today.

5A) Policy – Mayor appoints the boards. Joint proposal from Kim Haffield for DEP and City. Community wide data base could take the place of the current method. Get off Elms Boulevard, and our churches do a lot too.

5B) Action – KH Volunteers – can start listing volunteers on website.

5C) Goes with KH

5D) Good Samaritan does this. This occurs but not from the city. Churches do too. Examples: the students from St. Louis or Regent could clean steps for us and the churches could provide the meal.

5E) Nothing.

5F) School District – open house and Library had some to talk about expansion. City Council has open meeting. Boards. Chad – timing is an issue.

5G) City Council Room now has the capability. Others in town offer larger rooms.
Jinx – we need to do for all ages. Teens are neglected here too. Communication is the key and we are lacking that right now. Stride through the School District is one of them. The Community Center has a teen room now that has helped. Put out through Snap Chat and they will see. See tape on Courtney for teens. PH for bus system on council.

*Ask Cathy to bring ideas from other cities. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th
-Hospital, Paul, Jeanne Buckman –Ask for next meeting.
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March 8, 2017, 3:00PM


Meeting for the Community For All Ages Program #6-Community & Health Services:

Beth Dawson – Clay County Services will pay to do that and Health Resource Guide

On Chairs – See Sheet Example

Last meeting unless we need the last 2 meetings.


6A) Back to Transportation – night – have to take to doctors and hospitals. Ours # OATS. Working well. Good Samaritan has a shuttle also.

6B) Action – in Community – out to Seniors, other Good Samaritan, Hospital, VA Clinic, Express blood pressure.

6C) Clay County Health Department included and di recent assessment on exclusion. Also, Clay County goes to Baptist Church – publicize – Community Billboards, flyers, and the regular. Pharmacy’s post and give immunizations for allergies.

6D) Educated personnel – no policy for specialized needs? -for starters, fire-can get for training with social worker. *Denise-homebounds trained for abuse. In Hall-recommend training for abuse, or long line-have chairs. Report to Steve if there is an issue.

6E) Healthy Food Options – 2 local large chains, Good Samaritan, Farmers Market-changed for this year-Daphne Bowman took over.

6F) Ambulance providers-demographics-coordinate with City staff and hospital. Fire & EMS all together.

6G) No smoking ordinance in place, buildings, city vehicles, hospital has multiple classes. Working on partnership to work with the city and hospital.

6H) Healthy eating – choices. Have MU EXT for this. They have some. Community Center-Dieticians Cathy downloaded about concession stands. No, not doing right now. Hospital has dietician. Price Chopper, not hospital. How can the city put out on website?
6I) Community Garden—not enough volunteers to get it going. Last week, K&H. Shawnee has part-time coordinator on KC Community Center website. Has served them much money. Non-profit connect another resource. Look at the workshop to pick up signs.

6J) The list of things from Denise. Courtney: the Good Samaritan Center finds them a room until Community Center might open. Provide referrals. Police—get with a local hotel to put up for the night. Courtney explained the Good Samaritan Center. Tiwa for All Staff Sheet.

Put in sufficient support services. We have to know who needs help. Training an officer to recognize a person with a problem instead of dementia. Seniors need help. Hospital classes for dementia. The entire community is responsible for older adults. Reflect in the report of where the Good Samaritan Center is to help. Their good location—considered. Concerns: learned a lot, helps to talk about it. Does help the department...some departments. Deadline—April 1st—awarded in June.