Application

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

City: City of Roeland Park  
Contact Name: Jennifer Jones-Lacy

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Contact Email: jjoneslacy@roelandpark.org

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 CFAA 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.

The City's Sustainability Committee was tasked with managing the evaluation process along with the assistance of Assistant City Administrator Jennifer Jones-Lacy. The checklist was shared and reviewed with additional staff in Public Works, Police and the Community Center to assess existing operations and taking note of areas for improvement. The Sustainability Committee along with City Staff hope to make continuous progress on the goals and areas noted for improvements.

In addition, Councilperson Teresa Kelley spearheaded Roeland Park's Community for All Ages effort and organized the R Park Universal Design Charrette along with the Sustainability and Parks Committees supported by AARP and Kansas City Community for All Ages. Staff from Community for All Ages will produce a report based on the discussions from the charrette.

The City has also added a section to all staff reports asking how every topic helps improve Roeland Park as Community for All Ages.
Agenda
Sustainability Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Thursday, May 5, 2016, 6:00pm
Roeland Park City Hall

Committee:
Teresa Kelly – Council
Michael Poppa - Council
Brandon Gillette

Duane Daugherty
Cathy Creed
Michael Kelly

Elizabeth Phelps
Judy Hyde

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Call to Order
Approval of Minutes:

Additions to the Agenda

Old Business

A. Generation Exchange
B. Follow up on tasks from EPA presentation
C. Community for All Ages – Bronze Application
D. Other

New Business

A. Budget and expenses
B. Sustainable building practices checklist
C. Block Party June 4th (Better Block?)
D. Council update on May 16, 2016
E. Getting minutes on website

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements:

City Wide Garage Sale May 12-15; Treasure in R Park – June 4

Next Meeting Date: June 2nd 2016, 6:00 PM [1st Thursday]

Adjourn

Meeting Dates for 2016:
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Minutes
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Call to Order
Approval of Minutes: Table to June 2016

Additions to the Agenda

Old Business

A. Generation Exchange
   a. Judy reported after attending
   b. Fewer interviewees (10-12) than expected
   c. Kids well-prepared; used tablets to conduct interviews
   d. Committee can review interviews to identify CFAA applications
   e. Have a plan in place for a communication check-in – email 48 hours in advance (with reply from committee members)

B. Follow up on tasks from EPA presentation
   a. Refer to March draft minutes for individual tasks

C. Community for All Ages – Bronze Application
   a. Yay! We did it!
   b. Publicity tools from MARC
   c. Next steps – working toward Silver Application

D. Other

New Business

A. Budget and expenses
   a. Review draft budget
   b. Approved as amended: First: Duane; second: Judy. All moved

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B. Sustainable building practices checklist  
   a. Resource list for people when they get building permits  
   b. Use language from newsletter – talk to Mike Flickinger  
C. Block Party June 4th (Better Block?) – Postpone Better Block to Barktoberfest  
   a. Generation Exchange poster (to be approved June 2)  
D. Council update on May 16, 2016  
   a. Mike will give update  
      i. Generation Exchange  
      ii. CFAA Bronze designation  
E. Getting minutes on website – email at the end of each meeting, including Kelly  
F. ICLEI  
   a. Local Governments for Sustainability  
   b. Tools/resources for progress and a metric  
   c. Network of cities and counties  
      i. For Roeland Park or Johnson County?  
         1. NEJC project  
   d. Find peer cities and discuss value  
   e. Pursue more information. First: Judy; second: Duane. All moved  
G. Due to scheduling, Cathy Creed will be taking a leave of absence

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements:

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Adjourn – 7 p.m. First: Duane; second: Judy. All moved

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Agenda
Sustainability Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Thursday, July 7, 2016, 6:00pm
Roeland Park City Hall

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Old Business

A. Follow up on tasks from EPA presentation
B. Council update on May 16, 2016
C. Budget
D. Sustainable building practices checklist
E. Other

New Business

A. ICLEI Membership
B. Community for All Ages – Silver checklist items
C. Invitation to Tom O’Brien of Prairie Village, Mission Sustainability Commission to discuss joint project(s)

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: August 4th 2016, 6:00 PM [1st Thursday]

Adjourn

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Roeland Park Sustainability Committee

Minutes (Draft)
July 27, 2016

Call to order: 6:00 PM
Members present: Duane Daugherty, Judy Hyde, Elizabeth Phelps, Michael Kelly, Brandon Gillette, Teresa Kelly

Action Items

Community For All Ages update:

Bronze Achieved; Goal is to apply for Silver level Nov 1, 2016

- Meet with stakeholders after staff reviews the policies
- We enter conversations with specific perimeters
- August meeting: We will review the checklist to categorize so we know which committees to address for input
- August meeting: Assign members outreach tasks for working the checklist with committees/stakeholders
- Note: We are asking committees what they are doing. We are not asking them to do anything new.

Working with Other Communities:

Discussion on merits of collaborating with other cities. Michael Kelly suggested we invite Tom O’Brien with the Prairie Village Sustainability Commission to a future meeting.

Motion made to extend invitation: Duane Daugherty. Seconded by Cathy Creed. All yes.

Michael Kelly will proceed with the invite for a future meeting.

Joining ICLEI:

Discussion regarding benefits of membership.

- ICLEI is a NGO with 1000 members with 550 of those being in the U.S. Many neighboring jurisdictions are members.
- Resources and tech assist from cities our size
- Ideas for sustainable progress
- Metrics to use for accountability and measuring progress
- Tracking tools for air quality, storm water, etc.
- Tools to track cost savings related to sustainable practices
- 2018 Conference is in Montreal. One free registration with membership

Motion made to allocate funds to join ICLEI: Judy Hyde. Seconded by Duane Daugherty. All yes.

Other business:

Brandon Gillette recommended the Kansas Leadership Center’s 3 Day leadership course, You. Lead. Now. It is $300 and offers hands on tools and techniques to enhance one’s leadership skills.

Next meeting: August 4, 2016. 6 PM. RP City Hall

Motion to Adjourn 6:50 PM by Duane Daugherty. Seconded Michael Kelly. All yes.
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Thursday, August 4, 2016, 6:00pm
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Old Business

A. Follow up on tasks from EPA presentation
B. ICLEI
C. Other
D. Invitation to Tom O'Brien of Prairie Village, Mission Sustainability Commission to discuss joint project(s)

New Business

A. Community for All Ages – Silver checklist items
B. Better Block and October Event

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: September 4th 2016, 6:00 PM [1st Thursday]

Adjourn

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Roeland Park Sustainability Committee

Minutes (Draft)
August 4, 2016

Call to order 6:00PM
Present: Brandon Gillette, Judy Hyde, Duane Daugherty, Elizabeth Phelps, Michael Kelly, Teresa Kelly

Old Business:

- Updates next month on EPA presentation
- Collaborations with other communities
  - Michael Kelly attending the Mission Sustainability Commission meeting on Aug 22
  - Tom O'Brien has been invited to a future meeting
- CFAA Silver Level Recognition
  - Discussion and review of CFAA Checklist identifying stakeholders, committees, staff for each checklist item
- Teresa contacted Better Block KC for our next outreach activity

New Business:

- Duane Daugherty will attend the RP Charrette Steering Committee meeting

Next Meeting September 1, 2016 RP City Hall

Motion to Adjourn by Duane Daugherty. Seconded by Brandon Gillette. All yes.
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.

Yes – the City, in conjunction with Kansas City Community for All Ages and AARP Missouri, hosted a Universal Design Charrette to develop a Master Plan for R Park, the City’s landmark park that is accommodating to older populations. In addition, the Parks and Trees Committee, as well as the City Council, recently selected benches for Carpenter Park using an aging lens, which included armrests and an ergonomic design. See Exhibit 1A for the agenda.

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.

Yes – bike lanes are planned for several City streets slated for redevelopment using CARS (County Assistance Road Systems) funding, including:

- Roe Lane in 2018
- 51st Street between Cedar and Nall in 2018
- Nall Avenue in 2019

In addition, the Roe Boulevard streetscape project, also funded in part through CARS, will include sidewalks between 6 – 8 feet wide from Johnson Drive to 48th Street and may also include bike lanes. Nall Avenue and 58th Street are identified as regional connector routes through the MARC Regional Bikeway Plan. All plans follow AASHTO and MUTC standards.

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.

Yes - the City of Roeland Park renovated City Hall in 2012 and included several ADA improvements to the facility including accessible parking stalls, automatic doors, elevators, accessible restrooms, etc. There were several improvements identified by Mayor Joel Marquardt, a local expert in ADA design that were not included in the renovation. The contractor has either upgraded those for free, or they are slated for completion and included in the City’s 10-year CIP Budget. Please see attached Exhibit 1-C. In addition, the City’s guidelines established in the Comprehensive Plan states “building entrances should be clearly identifiable and directly accessible from a sidewalk.”
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.

Yes - the City switched streetlights to LED to enhance lighting in neighborhoods. We also do weekly and monthly park inspections to identify safety hazards.

1-E The city involves residents of varying ages and abilities in planning for the siting and design of public outdoor spaces and buildings.

Yes - the City of Roeland Park has several citizen advisory committees that include individuals spanning multiple generations from Millennials to the Greatest/Silent Generation. The Parks & Trees Committee is directly involved in selecting and planning for the City’s parks and have already included several accessible designs for mature generations as well as accessible features for those of varying abilities. Also, the Citizen’s Fundraising Initiative for R Park recently purchased a handicap swing for R Park so those with disabilities can enjoy the park as well.

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.

Yes - the City installed several benches around the recently installed gravel walking trail in R Park for those wishing to rest. There are also plans to install additional shade trees as the City had to remove the mature ash trees due to the emerald ash borer. In addition, new picnic tables and benches were installed in Granada Park for those watching children on the playground equipment. The Community Center has also strategically placed chairs and benches throughout the facility to ensure those who need to rest are able to do so. Outside the Community Center there is a bench near the front parking lot, a bench and table near the front entrance and several picnic tables with benches in the front of the building.

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.

The City has espoused universal design and works to ensure safety is enhanced on all City
property, including parks. The City is currently working on enhancing the ADA drop-off for City Hall, which includes adding a handrail and expanding the curb cut. The City also recently enhanced bathrooms in City Hall and Nall Park to include ADA elements.

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.)

Yes – City staff have issued a RFP to improve the ADA compliant drop off on the north end of the building by expanding the curb cut and adding an ADA compliant hand rail. Also the City Community Center has more than the required number of ADA parking spaces.

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.

Yes - all requests for City permits (i.e. business licenses, building permits, animal licenses, etc.) can be completed and paid through our online portal. Court payments can also be made online. Chairs are available in the lobby area of City Hall for those who are wanting to rest. The Community Center also has a waiting area outside its primary business office and along the walls near the restrooms for anyone waiting.

1-J The city encourages walkability in downtown areas.

Yes - The City of Roeland Park does not have a standard “downtown” center. However, many consider Roe Boulevard the central business district. Roe has sidewalks on the north and south side of the boulevard along with signaled intersections with crosswalks and ADA tiles. During the anticipated Roe Boulevard reconstruction, the City will enhance traffic signals by adding additional pedestrian safety features.
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.

Yes – the City participated in a sustainable code audit in 2012, which was reviewed by the City Planning Commission. This review included several items that focused on ensuring a variety of housing with a focus on density. Roeland Park has many single family homes, some duplexes and an apartment complex on Roe Blvd. Staff reviewed the possibility of allowing accessory structures in rear yards (i.e. tiny houses) to serve as “mother-in-law” suites to serve aging populations. However, due to lot sizes, this was not a practical application for our City.

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.

The City of Roeland Park does not currently allow accessory dwellings, primarily due to the small size of most lots in the City. However, this was reviewed as an option. We do have a mix of single-family, multi-family and duplex accommodations for those living in the City.
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.

Work in Progress – the City recently hired an experienced building official to review the existing building code along with local amendments to ensure they are in compliance with the zoning code and established practices. He is also making recommendations on changes to streamline the building permit process and allow citizens to make minor improvements without too much administrative burden.

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, visitability features or other design elements.

The City does not have a policy in place. However, the City does support Universal Design and could work to make recommendations to builders as needed.

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.

Yes – Roeland Park is in the midst of significant development and redevelopment of key commercial sites, including the old cave/pool site and the northwest corner of Johnson Drive and Roe Boulevard. The NE Corner of Johnson and Roe will include a small hospital facility and a drive-through bank. The development plan for the facilities includes 5-foot-wide sidewalks that connect to existing sidewalks on Roe and allow pedestrian access to the facilities and the nearby bus stop. Staff will ensure accessibility is maintained on the interiors of both sites during the plan review process.

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.

Yes – Roeland Park’s Code Enforcement Officer takes note of those with property maintenance issues who are elderly or economically challenged and refers them to various social programs available such as Johnson County’s major and minor home repair programs and a partnership through Heartland Habitat for Humanity. This information is also posted on the City’s website.
2-G The city and its partners make information available about housing options within the city that meet different mobility and dependence levels.

The City rarely receives requests on housing, but this information is provided on a case-by-case basis. The City could include housing options on the City's website.

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).

The City does not have a program in place for property tax relief for fixed income residents.

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

Yes—the Roeland Park Police Department offers a homeowner and business security check to provide advice on how to secure homes at no charge. We also issue notifications via Nextdoor and through Community Policing efforts through City block captains.
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/completestreets), 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.

Yes – This is addressed in the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The 2016 Comprehensive Plan update is pending Council approval and includes updates to public transportation connections through KCATA.

3-B The city has adopted a Complete Streets resolution or comparable policy and is taking steps to implement the policy.

Yes – Resolution No. 611 adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2011 and the City is actively taking steps to implement the policy. The 2020 reconstruction of Roe Boulevard, the City’s main thoroughfare, will include many of the concepts of Complete Streets including a reconstruction of six foot sidewalks on both
sides from Johnson Drive to I-35, pedestrian safety features for crosswalks, improvement of the bike crossing at 50th Terrace that is included in the MARC regional bike plan and add emergency vehicle features on traffic signal poles, among other improvements.

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.

Yes — the City along with KCATA is going to improve the accessibility of all bus stops in Roeland Park. It is also working to add a bus shelter on Roe Boulevard, which would be the first in Roeland Park.

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.

The City has no official policy but it publishes safety tips for safe driving in its quarterly newsletter. In addition, the Roeland Park Police Department participates in the STEP program, which provides grants to target state driving enforcement and educational efforts directed at compliance with Kansas safety belt, child passenger safety, and impaired driving laws.

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.

Yes — KCATA just launched a new program called Bridj: a converted van designed to take commuters to and from places of employment and works similar to Uber and other ride-sharing services. It provides on demand pickup between 6:30 – 9:30 a.m. and drop off 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bridj has a Westwood-Rosedale-Roeland Park route that transports residents to and from primary employment centers including KU Medical Center, Hospital Hill, downtown and the Crossroads. Bridj provides guaranteed seats, free wi-fi, no transfers and fewer stops along the way. In addition, elderly or disabled individuals can apply for and receive paratransit services through KCATA.
3-F The city and its partners provide resource information on where residents can find transportation options.

Yes- Roeland Park includes transit updates on the homepage of its website and has a webpage dedicated to transit issues. The City also places RideKC fliers in the Council Chambers for citizens.

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

Yes-the City has sidewalks along its primary arteries and curb cuts for easy wheelchair access. In addition, it has signaled intersections for those accessing the bus stops on Roe Boulevard. KCATA intends to build a new shelter on Roe Boulevard as well, providing additional support for local riders. In addition, the Roe Boulevard Improvements scheduled for 2020 will include traffic signal improvements with crosswalk noises.

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.

The City of Roeland Park does not provide this service. However, it tries to refer residents to local agencies to assist with issues outside of the City’s scope of services.

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)

The City does not have a Walk-Friendly designation, but it does support the ideals of the designation and would like to do more investigation on the issue.
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)

Roeland Park has not received or applied for the designation. However, it has an active bike/ped ad hoc committee that produced a significant report to help guide the City toward becoming a bike friendly community. (http://shawneemissionpost.com/2016/10/20/roeland-park-committee-suggests-lengthy-list-of-initiatives-that-could-make-city-more-bike-and-walk-friendly-56450)
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.

Yes- the Community Center offers a broad range of programs for all ages and income levels. It also reviews recreational trends and conducts annual market comparisons to stay competitive and offer what works well in Roeland Park. The City recently completed a community survey to ask about preferences in recreational programming and intends to use that information to build facilities to address the demands of its citizens.

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.

The City is in the process of updating its communications and logo and intends to implement the City's revised image using a Community for All Ages lens.
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.

The City does not have this as a requirement, but staff will work to consider this while posting information about City sponsored events.

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.

Yes – Community Center staff has community sponsors, such as independent and assisted living facilities, to disseminate information about recreational programs in Roeland Park. In addition, the information published in the Johnson County Recreation Guide and “The Best Times” Magazine issued by Johnson County Human Services targets seniors. Johnson County also publishes information about services in the Senior Blue Book.

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.

Yes - The City’s Art Commissioner has a relationship with many organizations to showcase art from a variety of sources. The Schlegel Art Gallery in Roeland Park City Hall has partnered with area high schools to showcase young artists’ work. Additionally, the Buena Vista Studio which focuses on watercolors had a show at City Hall recently, and the majority of artists were senior citizens. The Arts Commissioner is also working to reach out to Johnson County Developmental Supports (JCDS) to do a gallery showcasing the works of those with developmental disabilities.
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.

The City of Roeland Park does not have a formal policy but demonstrates its use through the composition of our active commissions and committees.

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.

Yes – the City provides an online application for those wishing to apply for volunteer positions. It makes renewal of volunteers appointed to boards easy by simply notifying our City Clerk via any means they wish. The City also allows applications for employment to be completed and submitted through email, mail or drop off.

5-C The city provides flexible options for volunteers of all ages and abilities, including training, recognition and guidance.
Yes – the City does an annual volunteer recognition program and does its best to include all volunteers most of whom primarily work on City Committees and through fundraising efforts. Many of the City’s volunteers are elderly and some are disabled. The City provides access to ensure those individuals have full ability to serve the City.

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.

Roeland Park has not formally suggested using these BMPs to partner organizations, but would certainly support this goal.

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

The City of Roeland Park does not take the lead in this initiative, but certainly supports the 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.

Yes - The Roeland Park Community Center is one of four centers operated by Johnson County Parks and Recreation (JCPRD) that hosts a 50 Plus Program, hosting a variety of activities for those over 50. These activities include the arts, exercise, computers, music and dance, among others. JCPRD also plans field days and international travel focused on those over 50.

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

Yes - The City hosts meetings in City Hall or the Roeland Park Community Center exclusively and both locations are ADA accessible with automated entryways, elevators, and proper curb cuts to accommodate wheelchair access. We also use a microphone and amplifying system at both locations.
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.

Yes – KCATA’s BRIDJ line takes local residents to and from the KU Med Center in the morning and afternoon. In addition, the Route 857 Flex will pick up residents similarly to a taxi as long as reservations are made 24 hours in advance.

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.

Yes – every October, Johnson County Parks and Recreation, along with the 50 Plus program, sponsors a Senior Fest which provides free health screenings, mobile mammograms, educational sessions, and demonstrations. This year, approximately 60 vendors and 550 participants were in attendance (see attached flier, Exhibit 6B). In addition, a podiatrist visits the Community Center every other month to provide assessments.
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.

Roeland Park currently does not do this, but could work with Johnson County Health and Human Services toward that goal.

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.

The Roeland Park Police Department investigates elder abuse and potential fraud or preying on seniors for financial abuse. The PD also does welfare checks on seniors and refers them to applicable social service agencies. RPPD officers are always required to report on neglect or abuse and it investigated.

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.

The City of Roeland Park would certainly allow a full-service grocery, but currently does not have one within the City limits. Price Chopper provides this service at two metro locations. The City could work with store managers to discuss the possibility of including this option in Roeland Park. However, Mission’s HyVee does provide full service grocery and is in close proximity to Roeland Park.

6-F The city works with local ambulance providers to ensure city demographic information is incorporated into planning for services.

Yes – Johnson County MedAct looks at call logs and data, and MARC provides larger data for demographic changes.

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.
Yes – the City Council is currently considering adopting the Tobacco 21 initiative promoted by the Greater Kansas City Chamber, the Healthcare Foundation of KC, and KU Medical Center. The initiative would prevent the sale of tobacco products to those under the age of 21. In addition, the City’s Community Center hosts “Champs,” which provides daily meal vouchers from Hy-Vee to seniors which helps combat social isolation and provides an opportunity for a healthy meal. The Community Center also has meal planning courses targeting seniors to teach them how to make healthy food at home while avoiding food waste.

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

The City’s frontline staff provides information to the public on a case by case basis, but works hard to connect citizens with services that can assist them, including those who need food support.

6-I The city encourages healthy eating and community participation by supporting community gardens and other initiatives that promote healthy eating.

Yes-the City currently supports two community gardens, one at the Community Center and the other in the single-family residential district on Juniper, between Alder and Rosewood. The City also allows residents to keep chickens to provide fresh eggs.

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

Yes- the City’s frontline staff provides information to the public on a case by case basis, but works hard to connect citizens with services that can assist them, including those who need more intensive services.