



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Sustainability Commission Agenda – October 14, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

MISSION CITY HALL

6090 Woodson Street Mission, KS

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Public Comment
- III. Sustainability Moment – 5 minutes
- IV. Approval of the September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes – 5 minutes
- V. Tree Yo'self Tree Drive Final Report Out – 10 minutes
- VI. Communities for All Ages Overview and Presentation from Cathy – 30 minutes
- VII. Sub-Committee Updates – 20 minutes
 - Communities for All Ages
 - Recycling
 - Communications
 - Scorecard
- VIII. Standing updates – 5 minutes
 - Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update
 - Council Liaison Update
- IX. Reminders and Announcements – 5 minutes
- X. Review of Action Items – 5 minutes
- XI. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, September 9 2024 - 6:30 P.M.

Mission City Hall

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

In attendance: Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Ramsey Attaria, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Ellen Parker, Josh Thede, Lynn Bain, Mike Patterson, Alexa Root

Council Liaison present: Lea Loudon, Trent Boultinghouse

Staff present: Justin Carroll

Guests: None

- I. Battery Sorting
 - John and Terri discussed the recycling battery program history and answered questions.
- II. Welcome and introductions
- III. Public Comment
 - None.
- IV. Sustainability Moment
 - None (the Commission was focused on battery sorting).
- V. Approval of the August 5, 2024 meeting minutes
 - Terri moved to approve the meeting minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.
- VI. Tree Drive Collaboration with PRT Update
 - Justin gave an update on the Tree Drive. Almost half of the 50 trees had been spoken for including almost all of the larger 5-7 gallon trees. The pickup date is 9/21 at PCC from 9am-12pm. Bridging the Gap/Heartland Tree Alliance will be onsite to distribute trees and discuss proper tree planting and care.
- VII. Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance Update
 - Justin gave a comprehensive overview of the draft tree preservation and protection ordinance the City Council will be voting on later this fall. The highlights of the draft ordinance include:
 - Education
 - Tree Protection and Removal Plan
 - Tree Replacement
 - Nuisance Abatement

VIII. Sub-Committee Updates

- Communities for All Ages
 - Cathy discussed the recent reframing aging webinar put on by MARC. The highlight was a new inclusion tool they unveiled that asked about equity and inclusion both in the present and in the future.
- Recycling
 - Terri discussed how the upcoming Go Green Environmental Fair will be the biggest yet in terms of business/vendor participation.
 - Also discussed the upcoming NE JoCo community recycling event on 9/28.
- Communications
 - None.
- Scorecard
 - No new updates, but Josh was going to work with Justin regarding getting a plaque for The Lanes at Mission Bowl Phase 1.

IX. Standing Updates

- Park, Recreation and Tree Commission Updates
 - Cathy volunteered to attend their next meeting.
- Council Liaison Updates
 - None.
- Staff Updates
 - None.

X. Reminders and Announcements

- John shared a volunteer opportunity for anyone interested they could help out at the NE JoCo community recycling event on 9/28.

XI. Review of Action Items

XII. Adjourn

- John moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

MARC

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL



*A great place to live
and age well.*

Kansas City Region: A Great Place to Live and Age Well





Age-Friendly Communities

- Age-friendly = meets the needs and interests of the very old, the very young and everyone in between.
- Our society is aging and we are living longer.
- **How will our cities, services, and nonprofits adapt to this demographic shift?**
- **How can communities change the narrative about aging?**

Communities For All Ages Recognition Program


Recognizes communities that have taken steps to become more welcoming to residents of all ages through a formal process of awareness building, assessment and significant action.



Bronze > Silver > Gold



CFFA Tools



Community for All Ages
A great place to grow up and grow old.

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How it works

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A community can earn one of three levels of recognition representing the extent of its work in becoming a Community for All Ages: **Bronze** (Awareness), **Silver** (Assessment) or **Gold** (Implementation).

Recognition for each level requires a community to complete a set of tasks (see reverse). The tasks don't necessarily require a great deal of financial commitment, but do require time and effort from elected officials and staff, as well as citizen engagement. In most cases, the tasks can be included in already-existing processes and programs.

Application process

To apply for Communities for All Ages recognition, submit an application form and supporting documentation to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) by 5 p.m. April 1, 2015.

A joint First Suburbs Coalition and KC Communities for All Ages committee will review applications and certify those communities that meet the criteria. Communities will be notified by June 1, 2015 if they have met the recognition criteria and, if not, what additional work needs to be done.

Communities are encouraged to use "Making Your Community Work for All Ages: A Toolkit for Cities" and the "Communities for All Ages Checklist" to guide their work. They are also encouraged to seek assistance from the First Suburbs Coalition, KC Communities for All Ages and MARC.

An application form may be downloaded at www.KCCommunitiesforAllAges.org.

Advantages of participating

- A more aware, well-planned community that meets the needs of all its residents.
- Regional recognition that your city is looking to the future, creating a community that is vibrant, connected and green, and serves the needs of all residents regardless of age.
- Recognition at First Suburbs Coalition and or Communities for All Ages events and on websites.
- Assistance with materials for websites, newsletters and news releases.
- News releases on the recognition and why it is important for communities.
- Templates for Community for All Ages street signs.

Effort required

Step	Adopt Community for All Ages plan	Effort required
3	Implementation	Gold
2	Assessment	Silver
1	Awareness	Bronze

Use tools to assess your city's progress

Use "All Ages" lens

See recognition level tasks on reverse >>



Become a Community for All Ages

A checklist to help you become age friendly

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.

The first suburbs of Kansas City, established nearly 60 years ago, have done exactly what they were intended to do — provide homes and services for families that raised the generation of Americans we now call the baby boomers. As the baby boomers have aged, the oldest of the generation known as the millennials (young adults born between 1982 and 2004, now age 10 to 32) come into adulthood, it is time to evaluate the role that the suburbs play in supporting and serving the American population.

Making Your Community Work for All Ages — A Toolkit for Cities provides detailed information on steps that communities can take to become more age friendly. The toolkit is available at www.kccfaa.org, or contact Cathy Boyer-Sheoi at cboyer@marc.org or 816/701-8246 to get a printed copy.

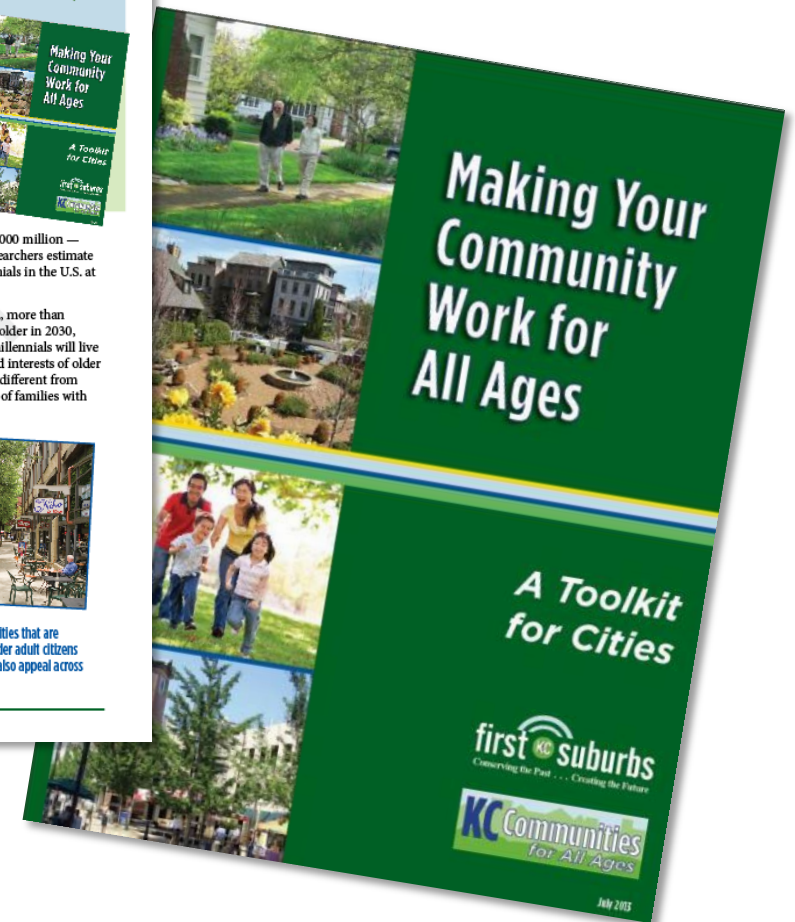
In five Americans — or 72,774,000 million — will be older than 65, while researchers estimate there will be 76 million millennials in the U.S. at that time.

In the Greater Kansas City area, more than 416,000 residents will be 65 or older in 2030, while approximately 633,000 millennials will live here. Historically, the needs and interests of older adults have been seen as vastly different from younger generations and those of families with young children.

First suburbs can evolve in response to needs as communities for all ages. For all ages seeks to meet the needs of the very old, the very young and in between. A key driver for this work is changing older adult demographics.

Population swell known as the Millennial generation for the next generation known as the Millennial generation. Today, the oldest Millennials are in their late 60s. By 2030, one

Today, research shows that communities that are adapting to meet the needs of its older adult citizens raise the quality of life in ways that also appeal across the age spectrum.



Making Your Community Work for All Ages

A Toolkit for Cities

first suburbs
Connecting the Past... Creating the Future

KC Communities for All Ages

June 2015

Tool Kit

- Strategies for local governments improve the quality of life for older adults
- Free resource for any city/community partner (do not have to participate in recognition program)
- Starting point for discussion / exploration
- Each section includes:
 - Recommended strategies (policies + actions)
 - Key questions
 - Detailed discussions of the strategies and sources of information

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Checklist

- Extracts strategies from the tool kit into digestible format for discussion
- Tool for Silver Level (self-assessment)
- Discussion of:
 - Public Spaces
 - Transportation / Mobility
 - Housing and Commercial Development
 - Social Inclusion, Communication and Participation
 - Civic Participation and Employment
 - Community and Health Services

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.)

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.

1-J The city encourages walkability in downtown areas.

To record your progress, a workbook version of the checklist will be available at www.kccfaa.org in August 2014.

FAQ Sheet

- For prospective cities seeking:
 - Recognition for work done independently
 - Process and implementation support from MARC (recommended)



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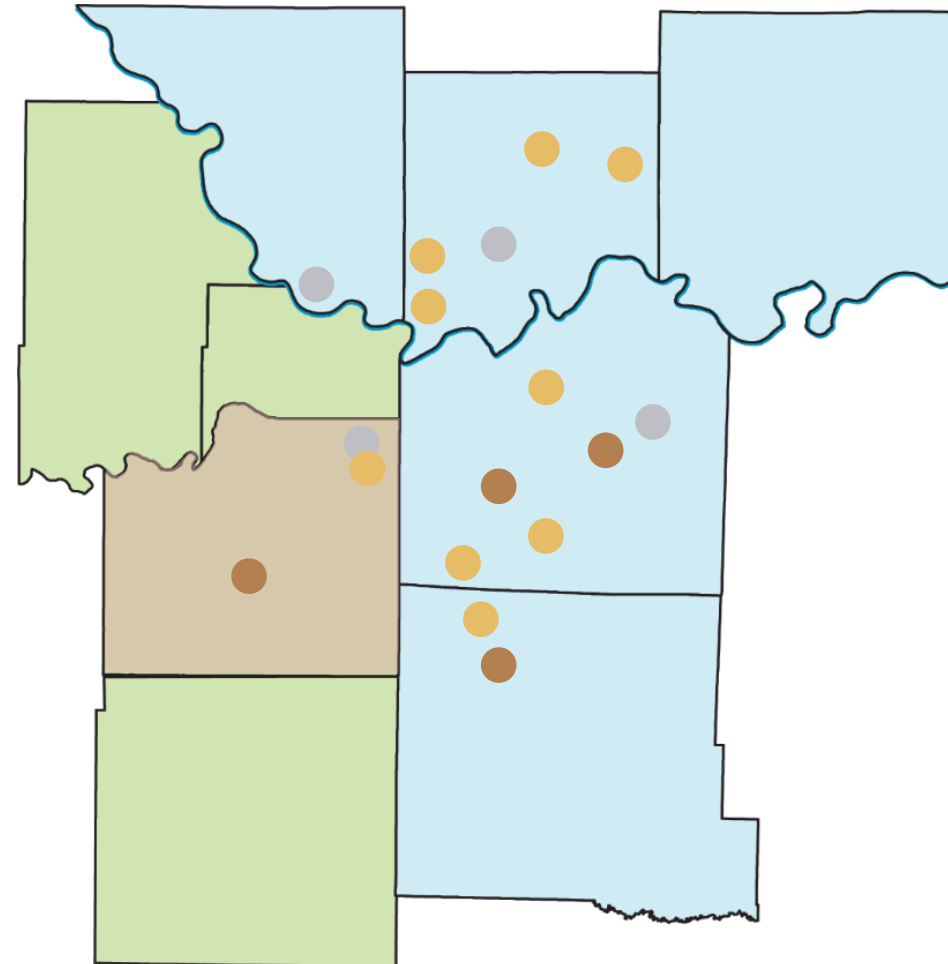


See recognition level tasks on reverse >>

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Regional Participation

- **Bronze**
 - Bonner Springs, Kansas
 - Blue Springs, Missouri
 - Harrisonville, Missouri
 - Johnson County, Kansas
 - Merriam, Kansas
 - Olathe, Kansas
 - Raytown, Missouri
- **Silver**
 - Grain Valley, Missouri
 - Liberty, Missouri
 - Parkville, Missouri
 - Peculiar, Missouri
 - Westwood, Kansas
 - In progress: Bonner Springs, Kansas;
Harrisonville, Missouri; Johnson County, Kansas
- **Gold**
 - Excelsior Springs, Missouri
 - Grandview, Missouri
 - Gladstone, Missouri
 - Independence, Missouri
 - Kearney, Missouri
 - Lee's Summit, Missouri
 - Mission, Kansas
 - North Kansas City, Missouri
 - Raymore, Missouri
 - Roeland Park, Kansas



IMPACT



Process



Culture



Services

Approach / philosophy to design and planning which asserts ...

“The design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for specialized design.”

(Universal Design Institute)

The Principles of Universal Design

The design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

- 1 Equitable Use**
The design is useful and marketable to people with diverse abilities.
- 2 Flexibility in Use**
The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.
- 3 Simple and Intuitive Use**
Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills, or education level.
- 4 Perceptible Information**
The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user, regardless of ambient conditions or the user's sensory abilities.
- 5 Tolerance for Error**
The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions.
- 6 Low Physical Effort**
The design can be used efficiently and comfortably and with a minimum of fatigue.
- 7 Size and Space for Approach and Use**
Appropriate size and space is provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use regardless of user's body size, posture, or mobility.

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