

Age Friendly Task Force Implementation Plan

| Action Area | Action Items | Implementation | Committee or Department | Community Partnerships | Funding Sources | Status |
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| 1.Planning | Action Item 1.1 – Apply an Age-Friendly Lens to all Projects and Programs | <p><i>i. Integrate the WHO’s Age-friendly building features into the City’s design guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>ii. Expand the use of online engagement tools to gather age-friendly input on planned development projects.</i></p> <p><i>iii. Promote Age-friendly building features to the Evanston business community.</i></p> | <p><i>Design and Project Review Committee; Administration & Public Works; Building & Inspection Services Division; Planning and Zoning Division</i></p> | <p><i>Special Service Areas, Tax-Increment Finance Districts, Evanston Chamber of Commerce</i></p> | N/A | |
| 2. Housing | <p>Action Item 2.1 – Expand Affordable Housing through Community Land Trust</p> <p>Action Item 2.2 – Expand Shared Housing Opportunities</p> <p>Action Item 2.3 – Expand Opportunities for Subsidized Assisted Living</p> <p>Action Item 2.4 – Explore Innovative Approaches to Expand Affordable Housing Options</p> | <p><i>i. Collect, review and share responses to the Housing Survey.</i></p> <p><i>ii. Partner with Joining Forces For Affordable Housing to develop regional strategies for affordable housing.</i></p> <p><i>iii. Partner with Open Communities to expand shared housing opportunities.</i></p> <p><i>iv. Research and explore innovative approaches to develop age-friendly affordable housing that provides a balance of independence and supportive living.</i></p> | <p><i>Housing, Homelessness & Human Relations Commission; Housing & Community Development Act Committee; Mental Health Board; Housing & Grants Division</i></p> | <p><i>Joining Forces for Affordable Housing, Open Communities</i></p> | <p><i>Review the City’s 2018 Action Plan for expected funding and opportunities for affordable housing</i></p> | |
| 3. Transportation | <p>Action Item 3.1 – Define and Design a Comprehensive Intra-City Transportation Network with Connections to Outside Transportation Networks</p> <p>Action Item 3.2 – Provide Safe and Efficient Mobility for all by Promoting Rules</p> | <p><i>i. Create an inventory of transportation assets within the city.</i></p> <p><i>ii. Review utilization of transportation programs (i.e. Transit Planning 4 All, Taxicab Voucher, PACE) and support the expansion of options for addressing first/last mile networks.</i></p> <p><i>iii. Continue to collaborate with the</i></p> | <p><i>Transportation/Parking Committee; Public Works Agency</i></p> | <p><i>Evanston Bicycle Club</i></p> | <p><i>Explore opportunities to expand transportation programs supported by the Transportation Planning 4 All Grant</i></p> | |

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| | of the Road Education for Drivers, Bicyclists and Pedestrians | <i>bicycle community to promote safety for all.</i> | | | | |
| 4. Communication | Action Item 4.1 – Improve City-wide Communications and Access to Information with Diverse Media Using Consistent Messaging | <i>i. Continue to enhance the City’s website and communications to improve information accessibility for older adults.</i> <i>ii. Engage and collaborate with Alderpersons to disperse communications in age-friendly formats to their constituents.</i> <i>iii. Create and disperse resources to provide guidance on accessing support programs and services for older adults.</i> | <i>Parks, Recreation & Community Services; Communications Staff; 311 Staff</i> | | | |
| 5. Community Support and Health Services | Action Item 5.1 – Expand Evanston 311 to Provide Information on Community Social Service Resources, Activities and Opportunities for Engagement | <i>i. Review 311 models for best practices to better serve older adults.</i> <i>ii. Identify modules and resources to guide age-friendly and dementia training for City Staff.</i> <i>iii. Partner with Library Staff to improve the design of the Neighborhood Organization Archive.</i> | <i>311 Staff; Library Staff; Health and Human Services Department</i> | | | |
| 6. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings | Action Item 6.1 – Enhance and Improve Public Spaces and Business Areas for Safety, Quality of Life and Community Access | <i>i. Advocate for improved accessibility and enjoyment of City parks.</i> <i>ii. Promote and encourage businesses to participate in the City’s 50/50 Sidewalk Program to improve sidewalks.</i> <i>iii. Collaborate with the Social and Civic Participation sub-committee to improve and promote business accessibility.</i> | <i>Administration and Public Works Agency; Community Engagement Manager; Parks, Recreation & Community Services (PRCS); PRCS Board (Senior Services); Economic Development Staff</i> | <i>Inclusion Solutions, CIF, JJ’s List, Over the Rainbow, Shore Homes East, organizations supporting individuals with disabilities and/or seniors</i> | <i>Promote projects to be included in the City’s 1) Capital Improvement Program and 2) Parks, Recreation & Community Services maintenance program</i> | |
| 7. Social and Civic Participation | Action Item 7.1 – Improve Access to Social, Cultural, Educational, Civic and Recreational Resources through Outreach | <i>i. Develop criteria for Age Friendly Business Evanston program.</i> <i>ii. Partner with the City’s Communications Staff to recognize age-friendly businesses and</i> | <i>Arts Council; Economic Development Committee; Communications</i> | | <i>Explore Arts Council funding</i> | |

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| | Partnerships and Communication Action Item 7.2 – Enhance Opportunities and Access to Recreational Opportunities Year Round Action Item 7.3 – Encourage Age-Friendly Business Practices through Education and Development of Business Certification Program | <i>promote steps for businesses to become more age-friendly. iii. Explore opportunities to enhance marketing materials of the Age Friendly Business Evanston program.</i> | <i>Staff, PRCS (Senior Services)</i> | | | |
| 8. Visioning | Action Item 8.1 – Assemble a Future-Oriented Task Force to Identify and Explore Best Practices and Innovations Worldwide to Achieve a Livable Community for All | <i>*Expand presence at City board, commissions and committee meetings and advocate for the incorporation of an age-friendly perspective in operations and policy.</i> | | | | |