

Age Friendly Task Force Implementation Plan

Action Area	Action Items	Implementation	Committee or Department	Community Partnerships	Funding Sources	Status (3.26.2019)
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>	<i>Design and Project Review Committee (DAPR); Administration & Public Works; Building & Inspection Services Division; Planning and Zoning Division</i>	<i>Special Service Areas, Tax-Increment Finance Districts, Evanston Chamber of Commerce</i>	N/A	Task force members are partnering with the Equity & Empowerment Commission to utilize the equity framework to evaluate programs from an intergenerational perspective.
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>	<i>Housing, Homelessness & Human Relations Commission; Housing & Community Development Act Committee; Mental Health Board; Housing & Grants Division</i>	<i>Joining Forces for Affordable Housing, Open Communities</i>	<i>Review the City's 2018 Action Plan for expected funding and opportunities for affordable housing</i>	The senior market rate/affordable housing study is ongoing. The Housing subcommittee will meet with Sawgrass Partners, LLC to review the initial draft on April 25, 2019.
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>	<i>Transportation/Parking Committee; Public Works Agency</i>	Evanston Bicycle Club	<i>Explore opportunities to expand transportation programs supported by the Transportation Planning 4 All Grant</i>	<p>The City hosted a Transportation Fair to educate older adults about options using the Benefits Card, including ride share, PACE, CTA and Metra.</p> <p>Transportation Chair will work with staff to</p>

	of the Road Education for Drivers, Bicyclists and Pedestrians	<i>bicycle community to promote safety for all.</i>				discuss the Park Evanston app.
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>			Task Force members received the video demonstrating how to use the Park Evanston app. Task force members were invited to participate in a second video on how to use parking pay boxes.
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>			<p>Dementia Friendly Evanston will host their Symposium on November 9, 2019. Community leaders, caregivers, and health professionals will be invited to attend.</p> <p>A grant funded dementia-friendly resource center is coming to the Evanston Library.</p>
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>	Twenty businesses have signed up to be evaluated as part of the Age Friendly Business Initiative. The goal is to complete the evaluations by the Aging Well Conference on May 9, 2019.
7. Social and Civic Participation	Action Item 7.1 – Improve Access to Social, Cultural, Educational, Civic and Recreational Resources	<i>i. Develop criteria for Age Friendly Business Evanston program.</i> <i>ii. Partner with the City’s Communications Staff to recognize</i>	<i>Arts Council; Economic Development Committee;</i>		<i>Explore Arts Council funding</i>	

	<p>through Outreach Partnerships and Communication</p> <p>Action Item 7.2 – Enhance Opportunities and Access to Recreational Opportunities Year Round</p> <p>Action Item 7.3 – Encourage Age-Friendly Business Practices through Education and Development of Business Certification Program</p>	<p><i>age-friendly businesses and promote steps for businesses to become more age-friendly.</i></p> <p><i>iii. Explore opportunities to enhance marketing materials of the Age Friendly Business Evanston program.</i></p>	<p><i>Communications Staff, PRCS (Senior Services)</i></p>			
8. Visioning	<p>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</p>	<p><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></p>				<p>Chair Susan Cherco and Staff Liaison Jim Hurley presented at the Equity & Empowerment Commission meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019. The committees will continue to partner and schedule a later date for a follow up presentation.</p>