### RESOLUTION NO. 19-079

# A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORTH KANSAS CITY COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES SILVER LEVEL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND WORKBOOK

- WHEREAS, the North Kansas City Governing Body, Planning Commission, community partners, and city staff conducted a Community For All Ages Silver Level Assessment in the summer of 2019, facilitated by Mid America Regional Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held public meetings on May 8, June 13, July, 25, August 15 and September 19, 2019, with community partners and citizens to review City policy as part of the Community For All Ages Silver Level Assessment workbook; and
- WHEREAS, through these public meetings the Planning Commission, community partners, and citizens made recommendations and suggestions for consideration by the City Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to build upon the work accomplished during the Silver Level Assessment phase of the Community For All Ages program and monitor the City's progress in considering and/or implementing the recommendations and suggestions outlined in the Community For All Ages Silver Level Assessment Executive Summary;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The City Council accepts and adopts the 2019 Community For All Ages Silver Level Assessment Executive Summary attached hereto as Exhibit A.

<u>Section 2.</u> The City Council directs staff to provide periodic reports on the progress being made in considering and/or implementing the recommendations and suggestions noted in the Executive Summary.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

**DONE** this 19th day of November, 2019.

CITY OF NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Don Stielow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Doss, City Clerk

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# 3: Transportation

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- 3F Provide Transportation Resource Information
  - No additional action.
- 3G Construct Pedestrian Facilities to Connect Neighborhoods, Transit, and Other Locations like Retail
  - No additional action.
- 3H Resources for Determining Older Driver Competency
  - Action: Add the link to the Older Driver Safety content from KC Communities for All Ages
    website to the NKC website. <a href="https://www.marc.org/Community/KC-Communities-for-All-Ages/Transportation-Mobility/General-Information">https://www.marc.org/Community/KC-Communities-for-All-Ages/Transportation-Mobility/General-Information</a> (This has been completed.)
- 31 Consider Application for Walk Friendly Designation from Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center
  - Action: Submitted application for designation as a Walk-Friendly Community in 2015; staff will review to assess any changes that might lead to a resubmission.
- 3J Consider Application for Bicycle Friendly Community Designation from Bicycle League of America
  - No additional action.

# 4: Social Inclusion, Communication, and Participation

- 4A City Designs Programming that Reflect Understanding of its Demographics
  - No additional action.
- 4B Comprehensive City Communication Plan that Reflects Diversity of Age, Culture, and Abilities
  - No additional action.
- 4C City Communicates Information about Accessibility and Accommodations for City Activities and Events
  - No additional action.

- 4D City Adopts Emergency Management Plan
  - No additional action.

#### Action

- 4D City Communication Plan has Strategies for Reach Residents at Risk of Social Isolation
  - Suggestion: Connect with staff at The Gardens to see if City Agendas can be provided to their residents.
- 4E City and Its Partners Showcase the Skills and Contributions of All Ages, Cultures, and Abilities
  - No additional action.

4F City works with its Partners to Educate Residents about Emergency/Disaster Preparedness

No additional action.

# 5: Civic Participation and Employment

### Policy

- 5A City Policy Encourages Civic Participation by All Age Groups in Community
  - **Recommendation**: Explore the inclusion of youth on City commissions and/or committees and/or adding a Youth Council.

- 5B City Maintains and Promotes Volunteer and Employment Opportunities with Easy Means to Apply
  - No additional action.
- 5C City Provides Flexible Volunteer Options for All Ages and Abilities, including Training, Recognition, and Guidance
  - No additional action.
- 5D City Encourages Community Partners and Organizations to Use Volunteer Engagement and Management Best Practices
  - **Suggestion**: Explore the possibility of inviting residents to volunteer on city-organized cleanup days in public spaces.
  - Suggestion: Discuss with the Parks & Recreation Board ways to increase the number of volunteers at Parks & Recreation events.

- 5E City and Its Partners Encourage Adaptable, Flexible Employment Practices to Meets Needs of All Ages
  - No additional action.
- 5F City and Its Partners have Outreach Plan to Ensure Residents of All Ages Are Included in Community and Civic Conversations
  - No additional action.
- 5G City Ensures that Meeting Locations are Accessible to All Residents and Meets Communication Needs and Challenges of Diverse Populations
  - Recommendation: Explore how state statutes on open meetings intersect with the resident's
    desire to have input remotely through digital technology.

### 6: Community and Health Services

### Policy

- 6A City Plans Recognize Need for Accessible Health Care Options Served by Transportation Options
  - Recommendation: Add information to City website about emerging services from MARC's Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The AAA Information & Referral Service is partnering with 211. MARC's Information & Referral Service number (816-421-8910) is automatically routed to 211.
    - Discussion at the Planning Commission included creating a Resident Resource magnet that included City, utility and partner contact information (Evergy, MGE, Clay County Senior Services, 211 - United Way of Greater KC.)
    - Discussion at the City Council was to ensure that the resident resource magnet fits the needs of North Kansas City.

- 6B City Partners with Health Care Organizations to Offer Health Services at Community Facilities
  - No additional action.
- 6C City Partners with Local Health Department to Publicize Plans and Services to Improve Immunization Rates among City Residents
  - No additional action.
- 6D City Personnel are Educated and Knowledgeable about Specialized Needs for Different Ages and Abilities, including Reporting Requirements for Abuse and Neglect, Regardless of Age
  - Recommendation: Continue and strengthen partnerships with Clay County Senior Services.
  - **Recommendation**: Relay comments about the desire for Library and Parks & Recreation staff to be trained to recognize the signs of child and elder abuse to the appropriate boards.

- 6E City Promotes and Enables Location of Full Services Grocery Stores and Retail Establishments that Expand Availability of Healthy Food Options
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# **MEMORANDUM**



**TO:** Mayor & City Council

FROM: Kim Nakahodo, Assistant City Administrator

**DATE:** November 19, 2019

RE: KC Communities For All Ages Silver Level – NKC Communities For

All Ages Silver Level Executive Summary

On February 5, 2019, the City Council approved a resolution to approve a technical services agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council and Clay County Senior Services to assist the City in becoming a Silver Level KC Communities For All Ages.

The Silver Level of the KC Communities For All Ages program is the most comprehensive phase, as staff is asked to complete an audit of city policies and actions through six different Workbooks:

- Public outdoor spaces and buildings
- Housing and commercial development
- Transportation and mobility
- Social inclusion, communication, and participation
- Civic participation and employment
- Community and health services

The City Council directed staff to work with the Planning Commission to complete this audit. The Planning Commission along with the Mid-America Regional Council, community partners, and staff conducted five work sessions over the summer to complete the Silver Level Workbook.

As part of the technical services agreement, the Mid-America Regional Council consultant captured the discussion, recommendations, suggestions and actions mentioned at each work session. These comments have been added to the original work session handouts to create the draft NKC Communities For All Ages Silver Level Workbook. A draft NKC Communities For All Ages Silver Level Executive Summary was

created to consolidate all of the recommendations, suggestions, and actions identified during the Silver Level assessment process.

On October 3, 2019, the Planning Commission issued the draft NKC Communities For All Ages Silver Level Executive Summary and Workbook. The Planning Commission recommended that the audit findings be presented to the City Council.

At its work session of November 5, 2019 the City Council considered the draft NKC Communities For All Ages Silver Level Executive Summary and Workbook. The Executive Summary provides the City with recommendations, suggestions and actions to guide the City over the next few years. The City Council instructed staff to present a final draft for approval at this meeting. A resolution adopting the NKC Communities For All Ages Silver Level Executive Summary has been prepared for Council approval.

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- 3G Construct Pedestrian Facilities to Connect Neighborhoods, Transit, and Other Locations like Retail
  - No additional action.
- 3H Resources for Determining Older Driver Competency
  - Action: Add the link to the Older Driver Safety content from KC Communities for All Ages
    website to the NKC website. <a href="https://www.marc.org/Community/KC-Communities-for-All-Ages/Transportation-Mobility/General-Information">https://www.marc.org/Community/KC-Communities-for-All-Ages/Transportation-Mobility/General-Information</a> (This has been completed.)
- 31 Consider Application for Walk Friendly Designation from Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center
  - Action: Submitted application for designation as a Walk-Friendly Community in 2015; staff will
    review to assess any changes that might lead to a resubmission.
- 3J Consider Application for Bicycle Friendly Community Designation from Bicycle League of America
  - No additional action.

# 4: Social Inclusion, Communication, and Participation

- 4A City Designs Programming that Reflect Understanding of its Demographics
  - No additional action.
- 4B Comprehensive City Communication Plan that Reflects Diversity of Age, Culture, and Abilities
  - No additional action.
- 4C City Communicates Information about Accessibility and Accommodations for City Activities and Events
  - No additional action.

- 4D City Adopts Emergency Management Plan
  - No additional action.

#### Action

- 4D City Communication Plan has Strategies for Reach Residents at Risk of Social Isolation
  - Suggestion: Connect with staff at The Gardens to see if City Agendas can be provided to their residents.
  - No additional action.
- 4E City and Its Partners Showcase the Skills and Contributions of All Ages, Cultures, and Abilities
  - No additional action.

4F City works with its Partners to Educate Residents about Emergency/Disaster Preparedness

No additional action.

### 5: Civic Participation and Employment

### **Policy**

- 5A City Policy Encourages Civic Participation by All Age Groups in Community
  - Recommendation: Explore the inclusion of youth on City commissions and/or committees and/or adding a Youth Council.

- 5B City Maintains and Promotes Volunteer and Employment Opportunities with Easy Means to Apply
  - No additional action.
- 5C City Provides Flexible Volunteer Options for All Ages and Abilities, including Training, Recognition, and Guidance
  - No additional action.
- 5D City Encourages Community Partners and Organizations to Use Volunteer Engagement and Management Best Practices
  - Suggestion: Explore the possibility of inviting residents to volunteer on city-organized cleanup days in public spaces.
  - Suggestion: Discuss with the Parks & Recreation Board ways to increase the number of volunteers at Parks & Recreation events.

- 5E City and Its Partners Encourage Adaptable, Flexible Employment Practices to Meets Needs of All Ages
  - No additional action.
- 5F City and Its Partners have Outreach Plan to Ensure Residents of All Ages Are Included in Community and Civic Conversations
  - No additional action.
- City Ensures that Meeting Locations are Accessible to All Residents and Meets Communication Needs and Challenges of Diverse Populations
  - Recommendation: Explore how state statutes on open meetings intersect with the resident's
    desire to have input remotely through digital technology.

### 6: Community and Health Services

### Policy

- 6A City Plans Recognize Need for Accessible Health Care Options Served by Transportation Options
  - Recommendation: Add information to City website about emerging services from MARC's Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The AAA Information & Referral Service is partnering with 211. MARC's Information & Referral Service number (816-421-8910) is automatically routed to 211.
    - Discussion at the Planning Commission included creating a Resident Resource magnet that included City, utility and partner contact information (Evergy, MGE, Clay County Senior Services, 211 - United Way of Greater KC.)
    - Discussion at the City Council was to ensure that the resident resource magnet fits the needs of North Kansas City.

- 6B City Partners with Health Care Organizations to Offer Health Services at Community Facilities
  - No additional action.
- 6C City Partners with Local Health Department to Publicize Plans and Services to Improve Immunization Rates among City Residents
  - No additional action.
- 6D City Personnel are Educated and Knowledgeable about Specialized Needs for Different Ages and Abilities, including Reporting Requirements for Abuse and Neglect, Regardless of Age
  - Recommendation: Continue and strengthen partnerships with Clay County Senior Services.

- Recommendation: Relay comments about the desire for <u>Library and Parks & Recreation</u> staff to be trained to recognize the signs of child and elder abuse to the <u>Library Boardappropriate</u> <u>boards</u>.
- 6E City Promotes and Enables Location of Full Services Grocery Stores and Retail Establishments that Expand Availability of Healthy Food Options
  - No additional action.
- 6F City Works with Local Ambulance Service Providers to Ensure City Demographic Information is incorporated into Planning for Services
  - No additional action.
- 6G City Partners with Health Care Organizations to Educate Citizens about Health Choices and Preventive Services, Including Benefits of Smoking Cessation
  - No additional action.
- 6H City Encourages Healthy Eating by Providing Information about Home-delivered Meals, Food Banks, and other Resources
  - No additional action.
- 6l City Supports Community Gardens and Similar Initiatives to Encourage Healthy Eating and Community Participation
  - No additional action.
- 6J City and its Partners Provides Referrals to Residents needing more Intensive Services
  - No additional action.