Community for All Ages Final Recommendations and Implementation Objectives

1) Apply the Community for All Ages (CFAA) lens to the city’s long-term strategies to address ongoing maintenance of outdoor spaces and public facilities, and to decrease accessibility barriers throughout the City of Independence.

2) Provide age-Friendly housing options.

2) Continue to develop housing standards based on the city’s Comprehensive and Strategic development plans, which already align with the CFAA lens. Continue to pursue a wide range of housing options including Universal Design and Accessory Dwellings.

3) Ensure that the community transportation system meets the needs of all users.

3) Continue to enhance mobility options by providing alternative transportation solutions.

4) Continue to assess transit facilities to ensure sufficient services are provided to primary destinations and within close proximity.
Include all residents in developing community activities and adapt communication strategies for multiples audiences.

5) Continue to promote CFAA awareness through various methods of communication to all segments of the population.

6) Encourage key personnel to take CFAA education and programming into the community.

7) Continue to identify and engage at risk and isolated populations throughout the city to promote social inclusion and participation.

8) Create an annual assessment and reporting standard to evaluate “age friendly” growth throughout the city.

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.

11) The City will actively participate and engage community organizations, churches, and non-profit organizations to develop a central database for volunteer service opportunities throughout the city.

12) City services should provide information on business development alternatives that consider flexible employment practices that embraces all ages and abilities in the workforce of Independence.

13) Develop a recognizable CFAA symbol that that represents “age friendly” services, programming and accessibility.

14) The City will strive inasmuch as possible to provide special accommodations, upon request, for those visiting public facilities and or attending public meetings. Requests shall be made at least 48 hours in advance to ensure (i.e., accessibility, large print, and hearing assistance.
Offer a range of community and health services that address the needs of all ages.

15) The City will promote future immunization events sponsored by Jackson County Health Department and inform residents of available and transitioned public health services.

16) Train city staff to recognize signs of neglect, and abuse and how to report it.

17) Explore the creation of policies to expand food and nutrition services throughout Independence.