Listening Tour Survey

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Mail survey response to: Age-Friendly Grand Rapids, 1120 Monroe Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503
What is an Age-Friendly Community?

Age-Friendly Communities are a global initiative by the World Health Organization to prepare cities for the rapid aging of populations and increasing urbanization. Well-designed, livable communities help sustain economic growth and make for happier, healthier residents of all ages. The City of Grand Rapids is in the preliminary stage, to become an Age-Friendly Community.

For additional information about Age-Friendly Grand Rapids, go to: www.grcity.us/age-friendly
Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

An age-friendly community provides older adults with places to gather—indoors and out. This could include parks, sidewalks, safe streets, outdoor seating and accessible buildings. Think about where you feel a sense of physical safety while using the outdoor spaces and buildings in your community and if there are issues with stairs, lighting, signage, places to sit, bathroom availability, doors, elevators, flooring, etc. Think about park spaces that you would be able to use yourself, or with friends or family. Consider if these spaces are accessible for those who use a wheeled mobility source such as a walker or wheelchair.

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with outdoor spaces and buildings:

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An age-friendly community provides older adults with access to safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation. *Think about what you would still want to be able to do, if you were no longer able to drive. Consider what other transportation options you would want, and which option you would prefer, to get you where you would want or need to be.*

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with transportation:

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An age-friendly community provides older adults with affordable housing options and home modification programs for varying life stages. Think about what would prevent you from being able to stay in your current housing as you age, and whether the housing options are affordable and in a location that you would want to live. Think about whether you would choose to age in place, and live in a mixed age, all senior environment, or other option.

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with housing:

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Social Participation

An age-friendly community provides older adults with access to leisure and cultural activities, including opportunities to socialize and engage with their peers, as well as with younger people. Think about how you currently socialize in your community, and whether you are able to participate in educational, cultural, recreational and spiritual activities with ease. Think about which activities you would choose to participate in.

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with social participation:

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An age-friendly community provides older adults with access to programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity, as well as multigenerational interaction and dialogue. Think about whether your community does, or does not show respect for and include older adults. Think about whether there are multigenerational activities available.

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with respect and social inclusion:

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Civic Participation and Employment

An age-friendly community provides older adults with opportunities to be actively involved in community life. This could include both paid work opportunities and volunteer activities which highlight skills and interests. *Think about if you have had trouble finding employment, and if you know how to connect with employment and volunteer opportunities in the areas that you are passionate about. Think about whether your community encourages participation of older adults on municipal councils, community associations, or public policy work groups.*

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with civic participation and employment:

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Communication and Information

An age-friendly community provides older adults with access to communications technology and other resources so that older residents can connect with their community, friends and family. Think about how you get the majority of your news, and the other information that you need about services and events that are available in your community. Think about what you need to successfully receive timely and important information.

Question to answer-
Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with communication:

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Community Support and Health Services

An age-friendly community provides older adults with access to home-based care services, health clinics and programs that promote wellness and active aging. *Think about your experiences receiving health services, and whether your healthcare is affordable and accessible. Think about what services and programs do you need that are not currently available to you.*

Question to answer-

Tell us some ways that the Grand Rapids community could be more age-friendly with community support and health services:

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