Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Orlando

STATE: Florida

POPULATION SIZE: 238,300 (Census 2010)

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 13.4 (Census 2010)

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Buddy Dyer

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 400 South Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

NAME: Kathleen Russell

POSITION: Special Assistant to the Mayor for Community Collaboration

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: 407.246.3094

Please describe the named person’s role in the city or community’s age-friendly initiative:

Kathleen Russell provides support and direction for the Mayor’s Committee on Aging, which has advised and communicated to the Mayor issues of importance to older residents in Orlando for the past 30 years. The Committee makes recommendations to the Mayor on specific City policies and programs of benefit to older adults and helps promote and communicate City programs to Orlando’s older adult population. The committee consists of 10-14 members who meet monthly at the Beardall Senior Center.
Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

Please see attached narrative

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

The City is charging the Mayor’s Committee on Aging with developing a plan to become an Age-Friendly community. The Committee is in the process of adding members who represent not only organizations that provide senior services in Orlando, but who constitute a diverse group of seniors interested in creating a more age-friendly community, in disrupting aging in Orlando, and in ensuring that seniors have many options to them for housing, lifelong learning, transportation and community / social involvement, as they age. The Committee will administer a survey to elicit a broad array of responses from seniors in Orlando, and will incorporate survey results into the Age Friendly Community Plan.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

The Mayor’s Committee on Aging has representatives from a number of different agencies, including the Senior Resource Alliance, a nonprofit that coordinates services for elders in the 4-county area; Seniors First, a local provider of Meals on Wheels, in-home care, and more; a representative from the Orange County Office on Aging; an AARP representative; a Retired Senior Volunteer Program coordinator; and providers of senior housing, health care, day care, and transportation services. The Committee meets every other month, inviting guests to speak about programs and services in the community of benefit to seniors. Members of the Committee have met with representatives from a number of city departments and have issued recommendations to make the city a more age-friendly community. This Committee will continue to serve as the body that will gather input from seniors, draft a plan, monitor its implementation and evaluate outcomes.
Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP
Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

As a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, the City of Orlando hopes to promote the adoption of age-friendly practices that make cities inclusive for people in all phases of life. The City of Orlando hopes that by listing itself as an Age-Friendly Community, researchers may study practices and policies and contribute to the growing body of data and research on WHO’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities website that assists policy makers in using evidence-based approaches to healthy aging.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City of Orlando prides itself on its inclusiveness. One of the key priorities of this administration is to Create a City for Everyone. This includes older adults.

6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community. [http://www.cityoforlando.net/assets/]

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >