

Attendees: Tanya Sallee, Eziamara Oguibe-Sheperd, Erin Lamon, David Allgood, Chris Clements, Angela Ceccato, Tracey Collins, Sophia Banks.

Facilitators: Tanya Sallee & Dr. Ezii Oguibe-Sheperd

Notetaker: Sophia Banks

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<p>Key Takeaways</p>	<p>The workgroup discussed updates on housing initiatives, resource list development, outreach activities, and policy advocacy efforts aligned with the Age-Friendly Louisville Housing Workgroup’s action plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The group plans to invite Louisville Metro Housing back for another discussion, tentatively scheduled for September. ● A comprehensive housing resource list is in development, with a target completion date of August. ● The group continues to explore opportunities for advocacy to promote more age-friendly housing policies and practices. ● Members shared several upcoming housing-related events and initiatives to support outreach efforts. <p>→ Access the Housing action plan at agefriendlylou.com/housing</p>
<p>Agenda Item 1: Debrief of MHA</p>	<p>Debrief from LMHA Meeting</p> <p>Debrief of discussion on accessibility, universal design and relocation services with Pam Bischoff, Faith Hood & Caron Jones from LMHA</p> <p>→ Redevelopment of Parkway Place Apartments in the Algonquin neighborhood (614 units)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The group agreed to invite Louisville Metro Housing back for a follow-up discussion in September. ● The previous session was well-received and included valuable information on projects like Oscar Manor. ● Members expressed interest in learning more about Section 8 vouchers, waiting lists, and the overall housing placement process. ● There is a strong desire to better understand how Metro Housing is addressing shortages in affordable and accessible housing. ● Discussion with LHMA touches with all three goals of the Housing action plan.
<p>Agenda Item 2: Review of CAPS Flyer (Goal 3 - Erin)</p>	<p>The compilation of a comprehensive housing resource list, aiming to complete it by August was discussed. Erin suggested the categories listed below, with a goal 2 - 3 resources per category. Group members are encouraged to review and contribute over the next months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAPS contractors

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial relief ● Senior real estate specialists ● In-home care providers ● Moving and relocation services ● Home modification providers ● Affordable housing options ● Senior transition specialists ● Housing for individuals with disabilities <p>The group discussed updating the outdated CAPS resource list and shifting away from listing only individual names. Instead, links to websites or QR codes will be provided to reduce the risk of information becoming obsolete.</p> <p>To avoid overproduction, the group recommends printing only a limited number at a time, possibly with AFL partner support, and finalizing by August or September. New possible CAPS contractors may be identified.</p> <p>A new name for the document is needed, as the list now extends beyond CAPS-related services.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to join the Microsoft Teams group created for the Housing domain to facilitate collaboration and information sharing: https://teams.live.com/joincommunity/FAAVSPdoaiZ8OixfQU</p>
Agenda Item 3: Action Plan	Agenda Item 3: Action Plan Review Action Plan Review – Key priorities for the 3-month, 6-month, and 9-month milestones were discussed and outlined. Access Action Plan on agefriendlylou.com/housing or use printed version.
a. Goal 1	Multigenerational Communities (Tracey Collins): Increase awareness of age-friendly, accessible and multigenerational communities through data and policy advocacy. <p>Workgroup members discussed the upcoming 2026 legislative session, expected to be a high-volume 90-day budget cycle. Although few bills have been filed so far, groups like AARP and the Alzheimer’s Association are already developing advocacy strategies. The group emphasized the importance of tracking new legislation early and evaluating its impact over time. A timeline will be created to monitor when housing-related laws take effect. Tanya brought up that Louisville Metro Housing Coalition very invested in this and is always looking for partner organisation to support them in their legislative endeavors and is therefore a great partner in for goal 1.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy Spotlight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → KY HB 88: Enacted in 2024, primarily focuses on protecting homebuyers from potentially predatory real estate service agreements, specifically "Negative Term Real Estate Agreements" (NTRAPs). The bill prohibits the use of financial institution names in certain marketing and solicitations, and it restricts the recording of certain real estate service agreements. → H.R.2749: proposes a refundable tax credit for home accessibility improvements. It supports accessible, age-friendly housing goals. <p>Additional priorities included advocating for age-friendly housing policies, understanding building codes and local permitting requirements, inviting the Home Builders Association to speak, and assessing how well new housing incorporates aging-in-place and universal design features (Also aligns with goal 2)</p> <p>More ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data mapping using ACS/Census to identify multigenerational households. ● Coordinate with previous LMHA insights.
b. Goal 2	<p>Home Modifications & ADUs (Ezii Oguibe-Sheperd): Promote aging-in-place supports and city ADU guidance.</p> <p>The workgroup showed interest in learning about state building codes and local permitting requirements and a desire to better understand whether current housing developments incorporate aging-in-place and Universal Design principles. The suggestion to invite the Home Builders Association of Louisville to a future meeting to discuss permitting processes and builder practices.</p> <p>The goal is to identify which builders incorporate accessible design features and how to guide residents toward these options.</p> <p>Accessibility doesn't have to be expensive: Many universal design solutions involve thoughtful layout or minor adjustments—like choosing lever handles over knobs or ensuring clear pathways—that don't increase cost.</p> <p>Proper placement is crucial: Simply installing grab bars isn't enough; they need to be placed based on functional use. For example, a bar in the wrong location in a shower or near a toilet can be useless or even hazardous.</p> <p>Lived experience and professional insight matter: Occupational therapists or individuals with mobility or sensory needs bring essential perspectives that ensure modifications are truly usable—not just code-compliant.</p>

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	<p>Training and awareness are key: Builders, developers, and even DIY homeowners often lack awareness of accessible design principles. Providing training or simple checklists could lead to better outcomes without increasing cost.</p> <p>Universal design benefits everyone: Designing for all ages and abilities improves safety, independence, and quality of life—for older adults, people with disabilities, and even young families.</p> <p>More ideas “Age-Friendly Home” checklist or mini-guide: Share practical, low-cost changes that support aging in place and multigenerational use.</p>
<p>Outreach & Resources, Updates</p>	<p>Tracey informed the workgroup about assistance programs through LM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fixed-income seniors and individuals with disabilities earning up to \$31,000 may be eligible for Louisville Gas & Electric’s <i>Home Assistance</i> program, LIHEAP More general assistance can be found HERE. <p>Homeownership program was discussed and is planned to be investigated in the future.</p> <p>Chris let the group know about a HUD-funded home repair initiative active in three neighborhoods: Shawnee, Chickasaw, and Parkland. The grant supports repairs for up to 200 homes, but only 25–30 have currently signed up. A cluster of organisations will cooperate for this initiative.</p> <p>Outreach Workgroup Opportunities</p> <p>→ AFL presence at Housing & Utility Affordability Fair on May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connect with local orgs like Habitat for Humanity and LG&E’s WeCare Program on May 31 at South Central Library (1–3 PM) for housing and energy assistance to share resources available with community at workgroups ● Plan for May 31: Housing & Utility Affordability Fair at South Central Library (1–3 PM). Connect with local orgs and vendors like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Habitat for Humanity ■ LG&E’s WeCare ■ Project Warm ■ LMG Social Services ■ Pushing Forward (Kiara James)

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<p>Local Housing updates/news/events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing & Utility Affordability Fair – Connect with local orgs like Habitat for Humanity and LG&E’s WeCare Program on May 31 at South Central Library (1–3 PM) for housing and energy assistance. ● Zoning Matters: Conversations with a City Planner Discuss the ongoing Land Development Code (LDC) Reform, ask questions about zoning, and share your thoughts on how these changes could impact your neighborhood. The next conversation will be on April 15, 3 - 7 PM. Find more dates HERE. ● LIHEAP Spring Assistance – Apply by May 30 for help with utility bills; income-eligible households can receive a one-time cooling cost subsidy. ● Monthly MHC Education & Advocacy Committee Meetings – Discuss housing justice, fair housing, and vacant property campaigns. Second Tuesday monthly, 3:30–4:30 PM (virtual). ● MHC Annual Meeting – Join community leaders on June 2025 (date TBD) for “Affordable Housing and Land Use: Pathways to Inclusive Growth”, featuring keynote Sara Bronin and dinner by Mayan Café. Tickets available now ● Doskar Manor redevelopment and redevelopment news: LMHA is moving everyone out by the end of 2025. New strategic plan is moving from section 9 to section 8 funding of public housing. ● Sheehan Landing, Kentucky's first single-site supportive housing for homeless: 80 unit apartment complex to offer mental health support and case management through the St. John Center ● HB 18, which passed out of the House Standing Committee on Local Government on Tuesday, February 25th, raises concerns about further restricting housing options statewide. The Metropolitan Housing Coalition prompts stakeholders to contact House Members at 1-800-372-7181 or through identifying their house member and contacting them here. ● A former motel on Dixie Highway has been transformed into affordable housing for single parents facing homelessness, offering stability and support through New Life Directions Ministries. ● The new Healthy Homes Grant is now accepting applications in Parkland, Shawnee, and Chickasaw, aiming to assist up to 120 homes over the next two years with HUD funding. See flyer. ● 2024 State of Metropolitan Housing Report was recently released. ● Planning Commission Update→ Recording of LDC Reform Update presentation at 10 minute mark: Planning committee to from, 3 sets of pre-approved ADU plans available: AARP Livable Communities workshop 5 minute clip ● Downtown Louisville Building Conversion Program: Louisville Metro is incentivizing developers to convert vacant downtown office spaces into residential units, increasing housing options and promoting vibrant urban living. ● Mayor’s Affordable Housing Initiatives: “My Louisville Home Plan” aims to create 15,000 affordable housing units, programs to redevelop vacant properties /reduce barriers to development.

Next Meeting – June 7th, 2 - 3:30 pm

Meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month, 2 - 3:30 pm