



**Age- Friendly Louisville
Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion
Meeting via ZOOM
September 14, 2021**

10 Attendees: Terri Thomas Sandra McGuire
 Rita Morrow Tihisha Rawlins
 Anastasia Johnson Sameera Jackson
 Chris Clements Marji Pilato
 Dee Deitra Murphy Alli Woosley

Welcome/Introduction: Since there were no new attendees or guest speakers, Rita asked each person to share a memory or reflection about “9/11” on the recent 20th anniversary of this day. All attendees shared a personal story and memory of where they were that day and how it touched them.

Guest Speaker/Presenter: There was no guest speaker today as the domain session was planning to do another “Work Group” discussion and planning as well as reflection on other things that were important for this domain and ongoing for rest of 2021.

Highlights from August 2021 Meeting: Rita provided very short overview from the August 2021 session. Highlights included: the plans and lead up of the “20th Anniversary 9/11” with Boys & Girls Club of Kentuckiana—Parkland site, two “Fall-Halloween Parades in two different areas in the city, wide range of upcoming intergenerational activities to include “Halloween Costume Contest” and “Veterans Day” event. It was productive meeting with many potential ideas and plans in the work.

Reflection and Report on the “Commemoration of 9-11 20th Anniversary”: Rita shared about the most recent successful partnership that was done on September 10th with the Boys & Girls Club of Kentuckiana—Parkland location on doing intergenerational topic: “20th Anniversary of 9-11”. There were about 30 “school age” children with the Club that attended the event. It should be noted that none of them were alive or fully knew about September 11, 2001. Rita, Chris, three fire fighters, and Eric Bell (along with his family) attended the event in person while others including the two other guest speakers: Tony Dodson and Shane Caple participated by Zoom (virtual). Short introduction and overview was done by Rita Morrow and Anglea Masden. Alli Woosley whom could not make it due to childcare concerns, had put together a 6 slide powerpoint slide show to educate and illustrate how historical and dramatical this day was. The slide show was shown by Chris Clements and he walked through with the group of the six slides which was based on the following: introduction, background, time line, video “first hand documentary” account by Wesley Wung (FBI Agent), and Impact/Results Page. The first speaker was Tony Dodson as he had to teach a class at University of Kentucky. After that went the three firefights of Battalion 22. They included a female fire fighter, two

men firefights (one older and another younger). Next was Eric Bell who shared his actual experience within the World Trade Towers and besides his encounter shared some pictures and images he had brought with him. Last went Shane Caple who provided both the teenager perspective of that day and now as a JCPS teacher. The program lasted exactly an hour and appeared to be both informative and educational in nature. Sandra McGuire inquired if this program could be made into JCPS school curriculum educational piece school wide. Alli Woosley commented that since her husband is teacher, its hard to make this be a set thing with a lot of academic components already mandatory and required. Therefore, it be best for it to be after school program or done with organizational or club groups only at this time. Tihisha Rawlins said in the future AARP would be happy to provide snacks and drinks to organizations that do this as partnership gesture.

Update on Intergenerational Task Force There was no other new or pending items except that Sameera Jackson reported that Elder Serve (especially the Oak & Acorn site) would not be doing any projects or programs for the rest of 2021 so ideas of intergenerational activities and things with them are on hold till 2022. Rita Morrow added that a “Halloween Costume” contest much like last year was tentatively planned with the Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckiana—Parkland and the other two sites would be asked if they wanted to do it too. This contest could be in person or by ZOOM (virtual). Chris Clements will send follow up email to Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckiana to explore and discuss this as well as try to stop by the Newburg location ton inquire their interest. There was no other pending business on this topic at the time.

Veterans Day Commemorative Event: The actual task force has not met or discussed any more then that the plans are to have one representative from each four major armed forces (army, navy, airforce, and marines). The committee is made up of Chris Clements, Tihisha Rawlins, Rita Morrow, and Terri Thomas. The plan is to have a group panel discussion with the three Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckiana sites and possibly other organizations (ex. Newburg Middle Schools) on the importance and significance of Veterans Day. Other associated activities and things may be done in regards to Veterans Day and having “inter-generational” focus. The Task Force will discuss this more and explore it. Chris Clements will send invite email to the Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckiana to discuss this more in depth and secure some dates and times.

Intergenerational “Pen Pal” Project: Rita Morrow reported that progress was slow but still being made with the “Pen Pal” project. Much of the energy and emphasis will be done with Ms. Jeanine Brooks (Family Resource Coordinator) at Fairdale Elementary school as she had approached the group first and was most excited about making this happen. As of right now, the Yorktown Senior Apartments located less than three miles from the school on National Turnpike is the older housing community to be the first and primary partner. However, Rita Morrow reported that at best there are only 3 to 4 interested older persons going to do this. Chris Clements stated he would look at the other nearby older housing communities to engage with this project. (On September 17th (Friday), Chris reported that the Franciscan Health Care Center on Fern Valley Road will have 10 – 12 older persons participate and this should secure a partnership on the Pen Pal Project with Ms. Brooks). Another issue that was of concern was JCPS background check with older community participants. Who does this and how can this be looked into? Sandra McGuire and Chris Clements did find some other public school systems that were successful in doing this and background checks were not needed. These would be shared with Ms. Brooks and JCPS so this Pen Pal Project could continue to move forward. Chris Clements reported that he still planned to do this in the eastern Jefferson County area with two schools (St. Marys and Nortons Elementary) and two nearby older housing communities, Hallmark House and The Grand. Primitive communication had been made but nothing has moved forward on this. The goal is to start all of these in early October. Chris Clements also added he still plans to work with group of schools and older housing areas in Buechel/BonAire of Louisville later this Fall. But may wait to see how the first one goes with Fairdale Elementary.

2021 Parades Update and Review: Chris Clements shared that he was working on two Fall or Halloween theme parades in late October. Tentative dates would be October 29th and/or 30th. The task force members

of the parade include Rev Ron Loughy, Kim Cordell, Marji Pilato, and Chris Clements. One parade route is secured and will be the same as last years' in the Newburg and Highlands area which would include Nazareth Home (Newburg, Highland Court Apartments, Day Spring, Highlands Nursing and Rehab and others. Chris stated he was looking to include a few schools with this route such as Bloom Elementary, Highland Middle and St. Agnes School as they are on the direct path. Confirmation of time for this parade was pending but looked to be mid to late morning like between 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The other parade is planned for the California and Russell Neighborhood area. It is a new area and will involve a few older housing communities and some schools too. Chris hoped to finalize the route in next week or two. Any ideas on future parades and other things, you can contact Chris Clements at (502) 640-7716 or Christopher.clements@louisvilleky.gov

New Business: There was no other business and a few of the attendees had other meetings and things to do so the meeting wrapped up. The next domain session is set for October 12th (Second Tuesday) at 2 PM and will remain as ZOOM session.

The next Age Friendly Louisville Social Participation, Inclusion and Respect Domain will be on October 12th (Tuesday) from 2 PM to 4 PM. The same ZOOM link will be used and communication phone numbers of 312-626-6799 and 646-876-9923 will be provided.