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**Age- Friendly Louisville**

**Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion**

**Meeting via ZOOM**

**May 11, 2021**

13 Attendees: Terri Thomas Allison (Alli) Woosley

Rita Morrow Sandra McGuire

Avery Crews Sameera Jackson

Chris Clements Marji Pilato

Kim Cordell-Fife Tihisha Rawlins

Deitra Murphy Teverbaugh Lisa Tobe

Donald Dillard

**Welcome/Introduction:** There were two new attendees for the Domain Session today. They were Donald Dillard with JCPS and Lisa Tobe with Meagain and McNary Group. Rita Morrow welcomed everyone and then had each person introduced him/herself and say what organization they represented and their recent Derby memory or highlight from the prior weekend.

**Highlights from April 2021 Meeting:** Rita provided very short overview from the April 2021 session. The highlights included Guest Speaker Becky Peak (Mayor of City of Plantation), most recent plans and reflection on the Spring Season-Derby Parade, reexamination of Intergenerational partnerships in the community such as with Boys & Girls Club of Kentuckiana, few Newburg middle schools, and the development of neighborhood association and their activities.

**Guest Speaker/Presenter:** Donald Dillard with Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS)—Every One Reads Program. Donald Dillard noted he has only been with the program for the last year or two but stated that it has been in existence since 2003. At its height, the program had nearly 10,000 volunteers from 2011 – 2012. It was federal model educational reading program. It had critical partnerships with businesses, churches and other civic organizations. But in 2015, couple key issues happened. First and foremost the earmarked funds for this program were no longer there and JCPS was responsible for its own funding of it. Research on its success is mixed depending on how you look at things. But with the COVID 19 pandemic for the last year, mixed results of success, as well as lack of federal funds, the Every One Reads program is going to be ceased (discontinued) by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. What will be come of this program and what a new program will look like remains unknown. A different route or strategy is in the plans. Starting this summer and going into 2021-2022 school year, “Learning Hubs” will be created which operate in the later afternoons like 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Mr. Dillard then indicated his wife, Michelle Dillard, would be the best contact to discuss this. As she is the Assistant Superintendent of Teacher and Learning and heading up the new plans and another program this summer called Summer Backpack League. Upon completion of Mr. Dillard’s presentation and overview of things, the three facilitators felt it be best to reach out and/or meet with Ms. Dillard. Her phone number is 287-2282 and email is [michelle.dillard@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:michelle.dillard@jefferson.kyschools.us)

**Update on Intergenerational Task Force**  Terri Thomas along with Sameera Jackson provided an update what the Intergenerational Task Force was doing. They had discussed earlier this week some ideas and steps they were going to explore for this group. More would be forthcoming in the next session. However, some of the things included: New Directions Housing Corporation “Repair Affair” program, Pen Pals Program, Pop Up Yoga sessions, Gardening Classes, 4 H Programs, Brightside projects, Wreath & Hat Making, and more.

**2021 Parades Update and Review:** Chris Clements reflected on the recent success and jovial atmosphere with the drive by Spring Season-Derby Parade. It covered 8 different stops/locations along the Westport Road corridor and that it was one of the best yet in that it had nearly 10 vehicles in participation and the reaction from the crowds was special and amazing to take in. Other parade participants such as Ali Woosley, Sameera Jackson, and two other facilitators echoed the same thing. Avery then showed a slide show of different pictures and images of the most recent parade. Chris Clements continued to say the next Age Friendly Louisville parade would be Independence Day (4th of July) parade. With 4th of July being on Sunday this year, the actual parade would take place on July 2nd or 3rd. Details would be forthcoming and that the Parade Task Force would look at routes/locations and more for a special and successful parade.

**“Older Americans Month” Discussion:** Chris Clements reminded the group along with Sandra McGuire that May is “Older Americans Month”. Chris Clements shared a radio program he and his daughter are going to do on May 29th from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM on WLLV – 1240 AM. The program would talk about the importance of Older Americans and they would read two books concerning the topic and open the phones for more on and around this subject. Terri Thomas shared a wide range of information from the Administration for Community Living and some tips on ways to celebrate and reflect on this issue. Sandra McGuire encouraged more to be done and the Domain to highlight these and others and send out as press/media release.

**New Business:** Sameera Jackson announced or shared about an upcoming event on May 26th. Its called the Senior Health & Fitness Day. It will take place at ElderServe Oak & Acorn site located at 631 S. 28th Street and be from 11 AM to 1 PM. Flyer on it would be sent out to all attendees and members. It would include blood pressure screenings, yoga, health and wellness resources and more. Sandra McGuire then referenced another important resource or place to go to for information. Its Generations United and can be found at [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org) Tihisha Rawlins shared about a few different AARP events coming up. These included a CareGiver series on Tuesdays at 10 AM, Yoga Series at 11 AM, and Pay My Way series on May 27th at 2 PM along with Dementia Series on June 29th, July 6, and July 13th at 6:30 PM. Allison Woosley then announced about this year’s Fan Fair event. It would actually not be a physical event as in the past and due to COVID 19 but collection drive of money to purchase fans (valued at or around $20.00) to help local seniors and disabled citizens for the hot summer days ahead.

**Special Guest Presentation:** Lisa Tobe was invited at end of the domain session to discuss about a research project and other things that she is doing in partnership with UofL Trager, McNary Group, Center for Health Equity (CHE) and more. She wanted to share about health equity report they are doing and how they are in need of qualitative data from diverse individuals over age 50. Due to her dog barking and sound/audio quality it was difficult to grasp portion of what she was saying or sharing. But efforts will be made to help her on this project. Her contact is [lisa@wildflowerllc.org](mailto:lisa@wildflowerllc.org) or [tobemeagain@hotmail.com](mailto:tobemeagain@hotmail.com)

**Plans for June 2021 Domain Session:** There were several items raised about the next meeting in June. Besides finalized plans for the 4th of July (Independence Day) Parade, it will be time to recognize June 15th which is the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15th) . In the past, the domain has recognized this day wearing purple, making a press release or media statement and creating the actual Elder Abuse Bookmarks that were funded by AARP.

**The next Age Friendly Louisville Social Participation, Inclusion and Respect Domain will be on June 8th (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.**

