

**Attendees: Jackie Exum, Jecorey Arthur, David Allgood, Sophia Banks.**

**Domain Facilitator: David Allgood (filling in for Erin Lamon)**

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Item	Discussion
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>The Housing Workgroup focused on advancing local housing advocacy, especially the “Safe and Stable Housing for All” budget campaign and related policy efforts. Members discussed ADU barriers and awareness gaps, noting that no pre-approved ADU plans have been used according to the LMG Office of Planning and identifying a need for stronger outreach, particularly through realtors and planning channels.</p> <p>The group also reviewed multiple campaign ideas for future action and emphasized refining priorities. A key addition was the suggestion to collect and highlight <b>impact stories</b>, including interviewing individuals who have received home repair assistance to better illustrate program outcomes.</p> <p>Upcoming priorities include promoting the Accessible Housing Crisis Report (June 24), engaging Metro Council on housing funding, and continuing collaboration on housing campaigns, storytelling efforts, and community outreach.</p>
<p><b>Current events</b></p>	<p>After David opened the meeting and facilitated introductions, the group transitioned into a discussion of current events and recent housing-related updates.</p> <p><b>Roof Over Our Head Coalition Community Housing Conversation (May 14, 2026)</b>  Members who attended were asked to reflect on the community housing conversation, but no member present attended. David confirmed his plans of attending the next Community Housing Conversation on <b>Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM</b> at the Iroquois Branch.</p> <p>→The AFL Housing Workgroup’s endorsement of the ROOH initiative was submitted to the group.</p> <p><b>Metro Housing Coalition Annual Dinner (June 2, 2026)</b>  Attendees were invited to give a brief recap of the event to highlight continued collaboration on affordable and accessible housing efforts. Chris, Tanya and some other housing members attended; Chris shared the following: The Mayor attended and spoke at the Metro Housing Coalition annual dinner, which brought together approximately 150–200 attendees from a broad range of housing organizations and partners, including New Directions Housing Corporation, Habitat for Humanity, Louisville Metro Government, River City Housing, the Housing Authority, and Housing Partnership Inc. The keynote speaker, Brian Goldstone, was well received, and his book <a href="#">There Is No Place</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">for Us</a>—focused on homelessness in America and policy implications and a Pulitzer Prize Winner —was highlighted as part of the event’s discussion.</p> <p><b>DICE ADA Housing Panel (Metro TV segment)</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the Disability, Inclusion, Culture, and Education (DICE) panel discussion featuring Louisville housing leaders, including Metro Housing Authority and planning staff. The April broadcast highlighted a recent conversation with Louisville housing leaders on affordable and accessible housing resources, local initiatives, and strategies to improve housing access across the community and included Watch here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sSPQY95A6Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sSPQY95A6Q</a></p> <p>Key takeaway: Continued emphasis on improving access to affordable and accessible housing resources and strengthening coordination across systems.</p> <p>Dave then invited the group to share general updates from recent housing advocacy, planning, or zoning conversations in Louisville.</p>
<p><b>Action Plan Focus - Jecorey Arthur</b></p>	<p><b>Continue discussion of Age-Friendly Housing Workgroup Housing Campaign Ideas put together by Jecorey:</b> <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SasoOOJoLpEf0rKYbVOOUR8BgRsLNNvuVqWZLudPQ/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SasoOOJoLpEf0rKYbVOOUR8BgRsLNNvuVqWZLudPQ/edit?usp=sharing</a></p> <p>Access Action Plan on <a href="http://agefriendlylou.com/housing">agefriendlylou.com/housing</a></p> <p>Members reviewed the housing campaign ideas developed by Jecorey Arthur and discussed potential opportunities for the workgroup to focus its advocacy efforts. The <a href="#">“Safe and Stable Housing for All” budget campaign</a> seeks increased local investment across the housing continuum, including homelessness prevention, supportive services, affordable housing development, and pathways to homeownership. The Housing Workgroup has already submitted its endorsement of the campaign, and members were encouraged to take additional advocacy actions, including contacting Metro Council members, attending public budget hearings, and sharing information about the campaign within their networks. Jecorey offered to provide Metro Council contact information and outreach materials to support member engagement. The form can be found here, which will be shared with the Housing workgroup an over social media to encourage community members to act: <a href="https://t.co/LL4UffIMZb">https://t.co/LL4UffIMZb</a></p> <p><b>Campaign Ideas Reviewed</b></p> <p>The group discussed several potential campaign concepts aligned with the Housing Action Plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Senior Housing Listening Tour</b> – Gathering input from older adults living in senior housing communities to better understand housing challenges and identify advocacy priorities.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Missing Middle Housing Neighborhood Pledge</b> – Building community support for age-friendly housing options such as duplexes, cottage courts, and other missing middle housing types.</li> <li>● <b>ADU “My Future Home” Video Series</b> – Using storytelling and resident experiences to increase awareness of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and promote their use as an aging-in-place strategy.</li> <li>● <b>Aging-in-Place Application Aid Pop-Ups</b> – Hosting community events where volunteers assist older adults with applications for home repair and modification programs.</li> <li>● <b>Safe &amp; Stable Housing for All Campaign</b> – Supporting coordinated housing investments through advocacy directed toward Metro Council and the FY27 budget process.</li> </ul> <p>While no final campaign priority was selected, members agreed to continue reviewing the options and provide feedback on which efforts may have the greatest impact and be most feasible for the workgroup to support and impact stories were discussed in more detail as a likely option.</p> <p><b>Impact Stories</b></p> <p>Members emphasized the value of collecting and sharing <b>impact stories</b> to support housing advocacy efforts and help policymakers understand the real-life effects of housing programs and services. Ideas discussed included interviewing individuals who have benefited from home repair programs, aging-in-place modifications, or ADUs, as well as gathering stories from residents who have faced housing barriers. Jecorey suggested that highlighting the experiences of homeowners who have received critical home repairs could be a particularly compelling opportunity for the workgroup, helping to raise awareness of the importance of these programs and demonstrate their impact on residents' ability to remain safely and independently in their homes.</p> <p>The group noted that personal stories could be a powerful tool when engaging Metro Council members, advocating for funding, and raising public awareness about housing needs. Members also discussed the possibility of partnering with organizations such as AARP or local housing agencies to help identify participants and document their experiences.</p>
<p><b>Action Plan -Goal 1</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Goal 1</a></u>: <b>Multigenerational Communities</b> - Increase awareness of age-friendly, accessible &amp; multigenerational communities through data and policy advocacy.</p> <p>Discussion of upcoming <b>Accessible Housing Crisis Report release (June 24, 2026)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report expected to highlight significant shortages in accessible housing, including wheelchair-accessible units</li> <li>● Members encouraged to help promote findings after release</li> <li>● Continued focus on data-informed housing advocacy and policy engagement</li> </ul>

<b>Action Plan -Goal 2</b>	<p><b>Goal 2: Home Modifications &amp; ADUs</b> - Promote aging-in-place and city ADU guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ADU Legislation bill (HB 203) would override local zoning restrictions that currently ban ADUs, creating a statewide baseline right for property owners to build one ADU. Jackie: provide updates if available</li> <li>● ADU applications: <a href="https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/adu-data-log_web_121124.pdf">https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/adu-data-log_web_121124.pdf</a> - Request for update was sent to Office of Planning.</li> <li>● Office of Planning confirmed <b>no ADUs have been built using pre-approved city plans they are aware of</b></li> <li>● Identified issue: Low awareness among realtors and the general public regarding ADU opportunities</li> <li>● Proposal to engage the <b>Louisville Board of Realtors</b> to increase education and awareness</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislative Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HB 203 discussed (state-level ADU legislation that could override local zoning restrictions)</li> <li>● Additional updates pending from planning and policy contacts</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow up with Joel Dock by the Office of Planning regarding ADU tracking and awareness</li> <li>● Explore outreach strategies to real estate professionals</li> </ul>
<b>Action Plan -Goal 3</b>	<p><b>Goal 3: Expansion and vetting of the Housing Resource List:</b> Keep promoting and distributing resource list. Share any updates/new resources → Access the spreadsheet <a href="#">HERE</a>. Next Update in Oct 2026! Access the resource list <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
<b>New Opportunities</b>	<p><b>New Opportunities</b></p> <p>David encouraged the group to share new housing initiatives or partnerships. Continued interest in storytelling initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ADU resident experiences</li> <li>● Home repair program participant stories</li> <li>● Potential collaboration with AARP or media partners for storytelling and outreach</li> </ul>

**Local Housing Updates, News & Events - Share any other events with the group**

- **June 10, 2 PM ET – Generations United Webinar: *Housing for Grandfamilies – A Rising Need*** Leaders will discuss the development of specialized housing for grandparents raising grandchildren and strategies to address growing needs and barriers. Registration: <https://www.gksnetwork.org/events/housing-for-grandfamilies-a-rising-need/>

- **Housing Alliance of Louisville 2026 Panel Series:** Upcoming sessions: *Navigating Housing When You Are Medically Frail* – July 22, 2026 and *Working with Landlords* (October 28);. Registration required at [metrounited.org/HAL](https://metrounited.org/HAL)
- **Roof Over our Head:** Community Housing Conversation - **Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM 7:00 PM** at the Iroquois Branch - Louisville Free Public Library, 601 W Woodlawn Ave, Louisville.
- **211 Home Repair Hotline:** A free and confidential Metro United Way service, funded by Louisville Metro Government, that connects eligible Jefferson County homeowners and some renters with local home repair resources and assistance by calling 211 or completing an online form. <https://metrounitedway.org/get-help-now/>
- **Zoning Matters: Conversations with a City Planner** (series on summer break) - City planners from Louisville Metro's Office of Planning answer questions about zoning and discuss changes to the Land Development Code (LDC). Next event: **Iroquois Library on Tue, Aug 4 2026, 3 - 7pm.** [Learn more](#)

## IN THE NEWS

**Kentucky Housing Challenges:** Leaders across Kentucky cite rising costs, regulatory barriers, and local opposition to new development as key obstacles to addressing the housing shortage. Louisville is estimated to be short about 36,000 affordable housing units. Full article [HERE](#).

**Next Meeting – July 1st, 2026, 2 - 3:30 pm**

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

**The format will be virtual ONLY for the month of July.**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84744181090> Meeting ID: 847 4418 1090