

2:00 – 3:30PM

October 1st, 2025 | Highlands Shelby Park Library, 1250 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40204

Attendance: Chris Celments, Tanya Sallee, Tim Lamb, Erin Lamon, Tihisha Rawlins, Vickie Johnson, Barbara Gordon*, Sophia Banks.

Facilitators: Tanya Sallee & Dr. Ezii Oguibe-Sheperd

*virtual

Meeting Purpose: Review housing workgroup progress, discuss next steps for Age-Friendly Louisville initiatives, and coordinate volunteer and advocacy efforts.

Overview

- Welcome & Introduction
- LMHA Discussion Recap
- Updates
- Workgroup Opportunities
- Housing Resource Guide Update & Final Draft
- Local Housing Updates, News and Events

Item	Discussion
Agenda Item 1	Recap of the discussion with Louisville Metro Housing Authority: ● Discussion of Doskar Manor relocation: 578 households moved; 130 residents remain. ● Metro Housing Authority handling planning; group may assist with information dissemination. → Emphasis on age-friendly housing, accessibility standards, and higher-than-minimum building standards. → Plan to focus on Goal 2 of Age-Friendly action plan: learning policies, home modifications, and supporting aging-in-place initiatives. → Strategies for engagement were suggested: quarterly check-ins, attending public board meetings. The group discussed the need for age-friendly housing and accessibility standards, particularly for seniors and people with disabilities. They explored the process of building housing, including permits, zoning, and design requirements. The group agreed to focus on Goal 2 of their action plan, which involves learning about policies and home modification practices. They plan to hold a November meeting to brainstorm ways to support aging in place initiatives and how they could provide input to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority. The group emphasized the importance of advocating for higher standards than the minimum requirements in building accessible housing.

Agenda Item 2	Updates ● November 5th and December 3rd meetings: Highland Shelby Park library did not confirm yet. Old location at 701 W Ormsby at the LMG SSO (Edison Center) is available. ● November 5th: Discussion of a proposed bill “Tenant Medical Relief” with Coalition of the Homeless on November ● Update on other events or resources: ○ Screening of Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness on Milwaukee reduced street homelessness by over 90% in just three years on September 4, followed by a panel discussion. Attending workgroup members are very impressed with the documentary; screening attendance over 1600 in Louisville. ○ Kentucky Housing Task Force, met on Sep 22nd. Recordings are available on YouTube @ KY LRC Committee Meetings - Livestream available. Next meeting on Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.
Agenda item 3	Facilitator & Advisor Changes: New Housing Co-facilitators needed in January to continue Housing domain ● Tanya (co-facilitator) and Tihisha (advisor) stepping down at year-end. ● Open positions for new co-facilitator and advisor; Ezii and Barbara remain in current roles. ● Action: Housing Domain team to identify candidates before December 30.
Agenda Item 4 Action Plan	Focus: Housing Resource Guide to Age-in-Place: Copies will be shared in meeting → Discuss where the new Housing Resource Guide could be distributed New comprehensive resource list for seniors nearly complete. Will replace outdated 5-year-old version currently in circulation, mark old version on website clearly as outdated in the meantime. Updates include: ● Increase font size to 12pt for readability. ● Remove “Family Checklist” (for aging in place) section and create QR code to link to it. ● Update disclaimer language (“Age-Friendly Louisville does not endorse listed organizations”). ● Add “Updated as of [date]” and QR code linking to checklist information. ● Deadline for updates: October 14 to have it printed in time so it can be printed. ○ Printing and distribution at Senior Expo, October 28 (AARP or LMG will handle printing). ○ Outdated resource list will be removed from the website or noted as outdated; consider 404 notification for old link or watermark outdated version. ○ Noted gaps in services were highlighted by workgroup members, e.g., lawn care; potential referral to Project Warm or community ministries. Access Action Plan on agefriendlylou.com/housing

	<u>Goal 1: Multigenerational Communities</u> (Tracy Collins) Increase awareness of age-friendly, accessible and multigenerational communities through data and policy advocacy. <u>Goal 2: Home Modifications & ADUs</u> (Eziamara Oguiibe-Sheperd) Promote aging-in-place and city ADU guidance. <u>Goal 3: Expansion and vetting of CAPS resource list</u> (Erin Lamon)
Agenda Item 3	Workgroup Opportunities • Senior Expo at the slugger field; LM SSO is happy to put out some materials. • Project Warm Weatherization Blitz ○ Annual event helping 100 low-income seniors prepare homes for winter. ○ Dates: November 1 & 8. ○ Volunteer roles: plastic windows, weatherstripping, minor repairs; no special skills required; training provided. ○ Emphasis on intergenerational participation; team members to spread the word.
Local Housing Updates, News & Events	• Panel: Policy Proposals to Boost Homebuilding in Kentucky; Panelists discussed strategies to address the state's growing housing shortage—currently 200,000 homes, potentially reaching 287,000 by 2030—including ways to increase construction and improve affordability for low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities. View here. • Project Warm Annual Blitz – Project Warm's annual Blitz returns the first two Saturdays in November, November 1 & 8, with a goal of weatherizing 100 homes across Jefferson County. This event supports older adults (60+) and community members with disabilities by helping make their homes warmer and more energy-efficient before winter. • LMHA Board Meeting – The Louisville Metro Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday at the 500W Building (with a livestream on Facebook); in-person attendees must RSVP by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21. • <u>Family Scholar House</u> unveiled the nation's first LEED Platinum-certified modular steel home in Louisville's Chickasaw neighborhood—a sustainable, energy-efficient prototype aimed at expanding affordable housing and homeownership for families earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income. • Monthly MHC Education & Advocacy Committee Meetings – Discuss housing justice, fair housing, and vacant property campaigns. Second Tuesday monthly, 3:30–4:30 PM (virtual).

Next Meeting – November 5th, 2 - 3:30 pm

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

Different Meeting Location in November: Edison Center, LMG OSS, 1st Floor Conference Room, 701 W Ormsby, Louisville, 40203