

2:00 – 3:30PM

July Meeting virtual only

Domain Facilitator: Erin Lamon

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Dave Allgood, Christopher Clemens, Tracey Collins, Liz Fust, Barbara Gordon, Marcellos Jackson, Erin Lamon, Melanie Reason.

Item	Discussion
Welcome/ Introductions	Erin opened the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves and share their organizational affiliations.
Metro Budget Update	The Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund received \$10M in the newly approved Metro budget, falling short of the \$15M originally requested.
Louisville Metro Office of Planning & Zoning	Louisville Metro Office of Planning & Zoning: Shively Inclusionary Zoning Project ● Project Overview: Melanie for the Office of Planning provided an update on the department's directive from the Shively City Council to investigate inclusionary zoning as a mechanism to address housing challenges. ● Community Engagement Findings: ○ Shively has a notably aging population. A community workshop was held to evaluate community values, future housing visions, and development scenarios (e.g., market rate vs. 10% or 20% affordable housing with developer incentives). Attendees favored a 20% affordability ratio paired with developer incentives. ○ A key takeaway from the listening sessions is that affordability represents only part of the issue; accessibility must be integrated into the final policy recommendations. ○ The Land Development Code is undergoing a broader review over the next year to make it more equitable, accessible, and easier to navigate. ● Engagement Strategy Discussion: Marcellos and Melanie discussed community outreach and engagement methods. Due to cross-departmental overlap, Melanie invited Marcollus to join Metro's bi-monthly interdepartmental community engagement working group. The two agreed to connect offline to discuss strategies further. ● Next Steps: The Planning & Zoning team plans to finalize the inclusionary zoning community engagement process by the end of August and present their findings and recommendations to the Shively City Council. More info about the project here: https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2026-04/Plan%20for%20Shively%20FINAL%204.16.2026%20ORD.pdf

Awareness & Advocacy Campaigns (created by Jecorey Arthur)	Continue discussion of Age-Friendly Housing Workgroup Housing Campaign Ideas put together: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SasoOOJoL0LpEf0rKYbVOOUR8BgRsLNNvuVqWZLudPQ/edit?usp=sharing Access Action Plan on agefriendlylou.com/housing Potential focus areas include: ● Impact stories from residents living in ADUs ● Impact stories from residents highlighting the importance of receiving vital home modification Workgroup members were asked to review Jecorey's campaign and impact story ideas, which are linked in the meeting agenda. Scope Clarification: For the benefit of new members, a formal scope clarification was noted: <i>Age-Friendly Louisville is a collaborative network, not an independent organization.</i> As such, it cannot directly lead external projects but exists to support, advocate for, and amplify the initiatives of its member partners.
Accessible Housing Gap Analysis Report Release	Liz summarized the findings of Gathering Strength's recent <i>Accessible Housing Gap Analysis for Louisville</i>, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This is the first-ever analysis of its kind in the region. ● The Gap: There is a severe mismatch between need and availability. Approximately 18,000 households in Louisville feature at least one wheelchair user, while only 3,000 housing units are wheelchair accessible—representing a 6-to-1 deficit. ● Demographic Pressures: This deficit is projected to widen rapidly due to an aging population (11,000 baby boomers turning 65 daily nationwide), as disability rates scale significantly with age. ● Impact: Failing to link affordable housing initiatives directly with mandatory accessibility standards presents severe public health and economic risks, including a shortage of nursing home infrastructure. Resource Sharing: Liz provided a link to the official report, informational handouts, and featured case studies detailing the systemic barriers individuals face when seeking independent, accessible housing. Erin emphasized that accessibility advocacy impacts everyone, as mobility limitations frequently occur unexpectedly later in adulthood. Find the link to the study here: https://gatheringstrength.org/accessible-housing-report/
Upcoming Events & Announcements	Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) Statewide Conference (Wednesday, August 5): ● Liz Fust will be leading a breakout session at the conference. She will co-present alongside the chief of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's architectural and construction unit to discuss Ohio's implementation of mandatory 10% accessibility standards for agency-funded developments.

	○ Workgroup "Field Trip": The group discussed the possibility of treating the KHC conference as a workgroup "field trip" in lieu of holding the regularly scheduled August meeting. ○ Find out more here: https://www.kyhousing.org/events/2026-kentucky-affordable-housing-conference ● Roof Over Our Head Coalition: No updates were recorded for the June 16th community housing conversation as no workgroup members were available to attend. ● Chris shared more about EveryHome July 2026 Webinar: Practical summer weatherization and cooling tips, along with information about Project Warm's programs and services to help keep your home comfortable and energy efficient on July 21 at 1 p.m. Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/h5mlHOTBTQKZjMJ_An1yXg#/registration ● (Metropolitan Housing Coalition partnership), July 21 (NW Neighborhood Place, 1:30 p.m.) & 30 (South Central Neighborhood Place, 1 p.m.). Flyer will be shared. ● July 30: Center for Accessible Living 45th anniversary + ADA 36th anniversary celebration, 12–2 p.m., Kosair Charity Room, Eastern Parkway 19. Flyer will be shared. Registration link: https://bit.ly/calparty45
Action Plan for reference	Goal 1: Multigenerational Communities - Increase awareness of age-friendly, accessible & multigenerational communities through data and policy advocacy. Goal 2: Home Modifications & ADUs - Promote aging-in-place and city ADU guidance. ● ADU legislation (HB 203) updates Goal 3: Expansion and vetting of the Housing Resource List: Keep promoting and distributing resource list. Share any updates/new resources. → Access the spreadsheet HERE. Next Update in Oct 2026! Access the resource list HERE.
Action Items & Next Steps	Sophia: Confirm whether the standard August workgroup meeting will be canceled/relocated so members can attend the KHC conference as a "field trip." Liz: ● Share the KHC Statewide Conference registration portal with the group once it goes live. ● Contact national organizations (like <i>The Kelsey</i>) for external inclusionary zoning policy examples to share with Melanie. Melanie: Share collected data and prioritization matrices from the Shively community engagement sessions with the workgroup, and connect with Marcellos Jackson offline regarding cross-departmental outreach. Erin: Follow up directly with Jecorey regarding his campaign and impact story ideas. Christopher: Resend July 28 cooling webinar details and Project WARM workshop schedule to Sophia for group distribution. All Members: ● Review Jecorey's campaign ideas linked in the agenda. ● Flag any new additions or updates for the workgroup Resource List before the next formal update deadline in October 2026.

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

- Project Warm is hosting a summer cooling tips workshops (Metropolitan Housing Coalition partnership), July 21 (NW Neighborhood Place, 1:30 p.m.) & 30 (South Central Neighborhood Place, 1 p.m.). Flyer will be shared.
- **July 30:** Center for Accessible Living 45th anniversary + ADA 36th anniversary celebration, 12–2 p.m., Kosair Charity Room, Eastern Parkway 19. Flyer will be shared. Register
- Join a free **Falls Prevention and Safety Class on Monday, July 13, 1–2:30 p.m.**, at the Trager Institute Optimal Aging Clinic. Designed for individuals, small groups and caregivers alike. To register, contact Jess Brown at 502-217-5236 or Jessica.E.Brown@UofLHealth.org.
- **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
- **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](#)
- **Dementia Friends training sessions** offered by the Office of Dementia Services/CFHFS on the last Wednesday of each month at 10 AM and 2 PM.

IN THE NEWS

Louisville marks a milestone with 7 new affordable housing complexes; wrap up of a \$40 million American Rescue Plan investment in affordable housing. Watch WLKY coverage here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emuKBxOiWMU>

Next Meeting – August 5th, 2026, 2 - 3:30 pm

Meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month, 2 - 3:30 pm
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Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84744181090> Meeting ID: 847 4418 1090