Age Friendly Louisville Housing Workgroup Meeting Agenda

2:00 – 3:30PM

March 4th, 2026 | 501 E. Broadway, Suite 310, Louisville, KY 40202

Attendees: Erin Lamon, Tanya Sallee, David Allgood, Victoria Lockard, Teran Herthel, Lizz Taylor, Elizabeth Fust, Chris Clements, Jackie Exum, Tracey Collins, Sophia Banks.

Domain Facilitator: Erin Lamon

Item	Discussion
Summary	The meeting focused on housing advocacy and policy updates in Kentucky, with detailed information being presented about Gathering Strength's work with the Kentucky Housing Corporation to increase accessible housing and how the work can be supported. The group discussed various legislative initiatives, including House Bill 271 addressing affordable housing and the potential for Louisville to become a dementia-friendly city. Updates about a new 211 home repair hotline launched in January that consolidates housing services across multiple organizations and ADUs. The meeting also covered upcoming conferences and events, including a Metro Housing Coalition conference and city planning discussions about zoning matters. The group welcomed new members and discussed strategies for advocating on housing issues at both local and state levels, with particular emphasis on accessible housing and dementia-friendly initiatives.
Presentation	Community leaders launched a new initiative: "Roof Over Our Head" Listening sessions will be starting soon. Tony Curtis will present to the group in April.
Action Plan	Progress on the Action Plan objectives and next steps were discussed - Access Action Plan on agefriendlylou.com/housing
Action Plan -Goal 1	Goal 1: Multigenerational Communities - Increase awareness of age-friendly, accessible & multigenerational communities through data and policy advocacy. ● **AARP Advocacy Day training and representation in Frankfort:** Tanya attended the AARP advocacy day of February 19 and shared with the group about AARP's advocacy efforts regarding housing legislation, including House Bill 617 and 618, and Senate Bill 23. The group successfully lobbied for these bills, which aim to address zoning barriers, promote mixed housing, and facilitate property transfers. Tanya further explained that AARP provides training and support for advocates, including help with scheduling meetings and preparing talking points, and noted that the annual lobby day typically occurs in February with training starting in January. ● **Advocacy through Gathering Strength:** Elizabeth discussed her work with the **Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC)** to increase accessible housing and invited organizations to collaborate by submitting **public comments on KHC's minimum construction standards** for multifamily housing. She offered to create a document with suggested changes and requested support to strengthen the advocacy. Examples discussed included Type A (wheelchair-friendly) units in smaller multifamily developments and improving toilet placement for side transfers. ● Elizabeth will present actionable steps for advocacy at the May meeting, including ways members can support accessible housing initiatives (with the possibility of breaking the presentation into multiple sessions). The research report on Louisville's accessible housing gap will be released after the Derby. **Members were invited to review the document, provide feedback, and participate in a future press conference when the report is presented**. She clarified that accessible housing is often mistakenly called "ADA housing," but requirements are governed by building codes (Type A units), the Fair Housing Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, while the ADA generally applies only to common areas in multifamily housing. The group was very excited in being involved in actionable items in advocacy.

	● **Kentucky Housing Funding Programs:** The group discussed housing funding programs, with Elizabeth explaining that Section 811 vouchers for people with disabilities are being developed by KHC, while Section 202 funding requires direct federal application rather than state involvement. Dave mentioned working on housing bills in Frankfort and suggested reviewing legislation from the Kentucky General Assembly session, and Tanya mentioned particularly House Bill 271 on affordable housing. The discussion highlighted ongoing advocacy efforts around housing legislation, with particular attention to bills affecting religious institutions and housing regulations, noting that while some bills have progressed to the House, many remain in committee. Tracey asked about policy differences between state and local levels, with Elizabeth clarified that most legislation affects Kentucky as a whole rather than specific cities like Louisville. There is also a potential visitability ordinance for Louisville, which Dave has discussed for years. While this could improve accessibility in housing, it is considered a long-term opportunity, and the group is focusing on more immediate advocacy priorities for now. Furthermore information on mixed-income, accessible communities that are affordable, inclusive, and resident-centered at **The Kelsey:** thekelsey.org/projects-affordable-accessible-communities/
Action Plan -Goal 2	Goal 2**: Home Modifications & ADUs** - Promote aging-in-place and city ADU guidance. Continue research on ADUs and House Bill 18, continued freeze on land-use regulations until April 2027; keeps group updated on any changes (Jackie); For further research refer to Louisville and Lexington ADU conference: www.imaginelexington.com/plans-projects/zoning-reform/accessory-dwelling-units/louisville-lexington-adu-conference Jackie picked up on what the group had been following previously and provided an update on House Bill 18, which passed the Kentucky House but failed in the Senate, proposing restrictions on housing development including extending the moratorium on Louisville's land development code and requiring local elected officials to approve certain multi-family developments. The team agreed to monitor the situation, noting that about 20 days remain in the current legislative session and there's a possibility the bill could be reintroduced or added as an amendment to another bill. **Housing Legislation and Resource Updates** The group discussed monitoring legislation related to housing and ADUs, with Age suggesting checking the status of House Bill 18 and looking up bills through legislative websites. **Further addition provided by Jackie:** Latest Update from Kentucky.gov – ADU Legislation (HB 203) There is a current bill regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs), HB 203 (see attached). Here's a summary: Establishes a new section in KRS Chapter 100 to define "accessory dwelling unit." Allows ADUs as a permitted use in all residential zones. ● Prohibits planning units from: Preventing a property owner from having one ADU on their property. ● Imposing requirements on ADUs that differ from those for single-family homes. ● Assessing additional fees on ADUs. Permits planning units to: ● Require notification when a new ADU is constructed. ● Limit properties to one ADU. ● Assess a one-time $250 fee when an ADU is created. Prohibit the use of ADUs as short-term rentals. Based on further research using AI tools, if passed, this bill would override local zoning restrictions that currently ban ADUs, creating a statewide baseline right for property owners to build one ADU. This approach is similar to policies in California, Oregon, and Washington.

	HB 203 was introduced to the House on January 7, 2026. I am tracking its progress on Kentucky.gov and will provide updates as they become available. Jackie is also reviewing other bills that may impact ADUs and will continue to relay relevant information.
Action Plan -Goal 3	Goal 3: **Expansion and vetting of Housing Resource List** (referred to in the Action Plan as CAPS resource list- will be updated in agenda for future use): The group discussed to keep updating on changes on the Housing Resource List - Keep suggesting new resources and updates. Email update to agefriendlylouisville@gmail.com or access the spreadsheet HERE and leave comments or request permission to add to spreadsheet. **211 Home Repair Hotline:** Chirs shared that Metro United Way recently launched the **211 Louisville Home Repair Hotline** (January 2026), a centralized hub connecting residents with local housing organizations for services such as roof repairs, wheelchair ramps, and other home modifications. This system reduces duplicate calls and ensures requests are directed to the appropriate organization, e.g. roofs, ramps, etc. Early feedback from the first two months indicates improved efficiency in assigning requests. The Louisville Home Repair Network is made up of many different groups (Habitat for Humanity, New Directions, Project Warm) plans to **review progress quarterly**. Chris will be sharing updates from the next meeting. Hotline flyer and information will be shared widely, including through the meeting minutes and newsletters.
New Opportunities	**Dementia-Friendly States** Kentucky is currently not a Dementia-Friendly State, but efforts are underway through the Office of Dementia Services to develop initiatives in collaboration with Age-Friendly Louisville. The goal is to gradually integrate dementia-friendly considerations into community planning and advocacy while educating group members on best practices for supporting older adults with cognitive impairments. Potential ideas were discussed and will be passed along to contact at ODS: ● Incorporating **dementia-friendly practices into the existing age-friendly framework**, such as home modifications that consider memory and cognitive support. ● Offering **Dementia Friends training**, which is a 1–2 hour session to help recognize cognitive deficits and support individuals appropriately. ● Developing a **10–15 minute informational video** that could be shared across workgroups, providing education while accommodating the limited availability of staff.
Next Steps	● Share 211 Home Repair Hotline information with the group and include in meeting minutes. ● Contact Jennifer Craig (Office of Dementia Services) about creating a 10–15 minute video for workgroups. ● Include the Beyond the Rent conference slide in meeting minutes and newsletter. ● Continue to monitor and update the resource guide regularly, adding new community suggestions.

Next Meeting – April 1st, 2026, 2 - 3:30 pm
Meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month, 2 - 3:30 pm
501 E. Broadway, Suite 310, Louisville, KY 40202.
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84744181090 Meeting ID: 847 4418 1090

Local Housing Updates, News & Events

- **The 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant,** offering over $8 million nationwide to fund quick-action projects that make communities more livable across areas like public spaces, housing, transportation, digital access, and disaster resilience. Eligible nonprofits & local governments can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred dollars up to $25,000 by **March 4, 2026.** https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/
- **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/
- **The Metropolitan Housing Coalition's EveryHome Program** is hosting a conference entitled ***Beyond the Rent: Policy Driven Solutions for Housing and Utility Burdens*** Conference on **April 7, 2026** at the Muhammad Ali Center, bringing together national and local speakers, policymakers, and community members to discuss housing and utility affordability. More info and registration here: https://secure.everyaction.com/YEmenYBF-EqpxReipJFI_g2 (Share Flyer)
- **Housing Alliance of Louisville 2026 Panel Series:** A free, lunch-included panel series for direct service providers, including housing-focused sessions such as *The Trauma Informed Intake* (March 17), *Boxes, a U-Haul, and a New Address…Oh My!* (May 27), *Navigating Housing When You Are Medically Frail* (July 22), and *Working with Landlords* (October 28); registration is required at metrounited.org/HAL
- **The Age-Friendly Innovation Center** at Ohio State University (Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County), with local partners, offers a 2024 **toolkit on extreme weather preparedness** for older adults in subsidized housing. Go to the toolkit PDF: agefriendly.osu.edu/cdn/Extreme-Weather-and-Older-Adults-Service-Coordinator-Toolkit-9.2025-1.pdf
- **The Louisville and Jefferson County Landbank Authority, Inc.** will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, March 09, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** The VAPStat Joint Meeting is open to the public and those interested in participating can attend the meeting in the Auditorium of the Old Jail Building, 514 W Liberty Street or remotely, pursuant to KRS 61.826. Join the Webex video teleconference.
- Tuesday, March 17 (series): **Zoning Matters: Conversations with a City Planner** - City planners from Louisville Metro's Office of Planning will be at the Crescent Hill Library to answer questions about zoning and discuss changes to the Land Development Code (LDC) from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Learn more**.

IN THE NEWS

- **Mayor Greenberg on Humana building conversion:** With downtown office vacancy at 28.3%, Louisville is looking to cities like Boston, Calgary, and Cleveland—where tax abatements, cash incentives, and streamlined permitting have helped convert vacant office space into housing and hotels—as models for revitalizing underused buildings. Find out MORE.
- **Dosker Manor:** All residents have been fully relocated from the aging complex at Dosker Manor, paving the way for a new era at the Louisville Metro Housing Authority.
- **Portshaw Place**, a new 38-unit income-based affordable housing complex in **Louisville's Shawnee neighborhood**, has officially opened with support from federal ARPA funding. Read WLKY article. **PortShaw** offers on-site parking, 24/7 security, and wraparound services like tutoring, financial literacy, and support with transitioning to homeownership.