

# Age-Friendly Louisville Housing Workgroup Meeting

June 5, 2024, 2 - 3:30 pm

at the Edison Center at Metro RCS

Meeting Facilitator: Tanya Sallee

Notetaker: Gail Henson

Workgroup members present: Erin Lamon, Becky Peak, Stacie Redmon, Gail Henson, Tony Curtis, David Allgood, Ron Burse\*, Barbara Gordon\*, Martha Schechter\*, Sophia Banks

Sophia called the meeting to order. Members on Zoom and present were introduced.

## Item 1 - Speaker Presentation

Tony Curtis, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition, opened the meeting with a presentation on the state of housing in Louisville, Legislative issues that affect housing, include HB 5 Safer Kentucky Act, HB 18 ends source of income protections and affects those on Section 8 vouchers, HB 71 eviction expungement, HB 100 expanded free birth certificates to adults, HB 180 energy charges and housing, and especially HB 388 that places a year old moratorium on new development that increases density (until April 2025); the Land Development Code, and the revised 2040 Plan. It mentions fair and affordable housing . The metropolitan area needs 50,000 additional units. The Kentucky Housing Corporation did a needs assessment, determining the state needs 250,000 units. Because of HB 388, various barriers prohibit development. The slides are attached. The Land Development Code study has three points that Tony Curtis noted: auxiliary dwelling units, middle housing bringing diversity of housing to all 26 districts.

The discussion covered various challenges and potential solutions around affordable housing, including the state-level moratorium on density increases, efforts to pass inclusionary zoning policies, and the need for increased funding for the affordable housing trust fund and eviction prevention programs. Participants emphasized the importance of creating housing opportunities and choices across all neighborhoods to address disparities in life expectancy.

## Item 2 - Action Plan Draft Review

Facilitator Tanya then turned to the business of the meeting to review the action plan draft for the next three-year strategic plan. The facilitator reviewed the draft action plan for the Age-Friendly Housing workgroup, including the group's goals and objectives. Participants were invited to provide feedback on the proposed actions and suggest additional ideas, focusing on ways to connect residents with vital housing resources and advocate for policy changes. The group agreed to reconvene in July to finalize the action plan. The following were discussed.

- a. **Strategic Plan Draft of Objectives and potential actions.** Those present reviewed draft objectives and potential actions for housing goals in the next strategic plan phase. The goals and objectives are already set as are some suggested actions for each objective. The group members are to review these and suggest potential action items prior to the July 10 meeting. Determining short term versus long term actions will be

valuable to do. Those present identified new actions such as promoting the homestead exemption, partnering with realtor groups, and having a presence at community events.

**b. Housing Resource Guide Update**

The need to update the housing resource guide and make it more user-friendly and concise was stated.

The current guide is several years old.

A potential action is to create a guide that is concise, printable, and that highlights key resources.

Having community partners like community ministries and senior service providers review this would provide helpful input.

**c. New potential action items**

Promote underutilized programs like the homestead exemption for seniors

Partner with realtor associations to raise awareness of age-friendly housing needs

Have a presence at community events like Fanfare to distribute resources

**Homework**

The group members will review the draft and submit any additional potential action items

**Next meeting: July 10** (rescheduled, instead of July 3) 2 - 3:30 pm at the Edison Center at RCS to finalize the draft action plan.

\*present via Zoom