

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
August 2nd , 2021
Virtual (WebEx)**

MEMBERS PRESENT (via Webex):

Alex Scholtz
Dia Erpenbeck
Jon Pilbean
Verna Goately
Amy Verst
David Marchal
Joi McAtee
David Allgood
Sarah Teeters
Alli Woosley
Michael Meeks (proxy for Kendall Boyd)
Steve Hendrix
Scott Reed-D

Community Members Present

Larry Sloan
Regina Ostertag
Charles Rogers

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM by Alex

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. COMMISSION APPOINTEE UPDATES

- a. BJ Levis will be rolling off of the commission in December. Alex's term is up in December.
- b. One appointee has only attended one meeting, has not responded to recent communications and has been absent for 6 months. Commission will need to discuss if this member needs to be dropped/replaced.
 - i. Commission agreed to send this member a letter as a last attempt at communication, wait until next month's meeting to vote.

IV. TIHISHA RAWLINS (AARP KY & AGE FRIENDLY LOUISVILLE LEADERSHIP TEAM)

- a. **ADUs-accessory dwelling units-** Attached or detached structure on a property used for living.
- b. Metro council passed in June 2021 (previously only a small portion of Metro could build ADUs)

- c. Land development code review-in phase 1 a recommendation to add ADUs as housing units in Louisville.
- d. Age Friendly Lou and AARP Ky started work in October of 2020 to inform the community about ADUs (how they can help the housing shortage)
- e. Only allowed 1 ADU per property, a maximum of 800 sq ft, intended to be affordable housing, (cannot be used for short term rentals), cannot qualify to build ADU if you have outstanding zoning violations, the owner must live in one of the properties (either the main home or ADU)
- f. Question: Sarah -are there specific guidelines for different districts/neighborhoods or is this a blanket policy for the entire county?
 - i. This does not override HOA policy/rules for individual neighborhoods; some small cities may have policy/rules against ADUs as well.
- g. Question: Larry-are there any other restrictions; for example, percentages covered of the total property?
 - i. 800 sq ft is the maximum space allowed or 30% floor area ratio, cannot be taller than the main unit. There are a set of standards to follow when building an ADU.
- h. Question: Larry-Do you have to apply for a building permit?
 - i. Yes, you still must follow the building permit process to follow to build the ADU
- i. Question: Larry-Will there be a way to track how many ADUs are built per year?
 - i. Yes, a representative of planning and design will keep a running list of all ADUs. An annual report will be available
- j. Nicole George (D-21)-Thanked AARP for awarding a grant to Louisville Metro to educate and communicate the changes about ADUs
- k. Dave Marchal-a reminder that Planning and design and Housing are in Develop Louisville. Any additional questions can also be sent to Dave, Chris French (Main Editor: Land Development code: Chris.french@louisvilleky.gov) or the planning and design customer service team at 502 574 6230

V. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Transportation (Provided by Dia)**- Met in June; Discussed goals. One goal was to get a member of the accessible community on the TARC board (this was unsuccessful). Jan Day was appointed. She will try to come to a subcommittee meeting. Another goal was to provide sensitivity training and listen to the paratransit community.
- b. **Housing & Visitability (Provided by Joi)** – the housing insecurity that exist with renters with disability is evident here in Louisville. The eviction moratorium expired a few days ago. There is an ongoing survey collecting data. A goal for this subcommittee would be to figure out a way to amplify voices of advocated in the community, figure out where we are and find a way to provide assistance. David Allgood asked to join this subcommittee.
- c. **Employment (No subcommittee members present)**
- d. **Public Spaces/Events (Provided by Jon)**-Will meet later in August. Added several new members to the subcommittee.
- e. **Education & Awareness (Provided by Donna)**-the idea of a PSA to educate and communicate the community was discussed. It would be promoted through MetroTV. Will report back with any other details.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Sarah-for Dia: Previously had Carrie Butler (director of TARC) at the meeting, a discussion of having a consistent representative of TARC at the Commission meetings. Would she (Dia) work on making that connection?
 - i. Dia-the hope is to get Jan Day to come to the meetings and join the transportation subcommittee. That will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. BJ-Is there a way to access the contact information for all commission members?
 - i. No online public access to contact info, Sarah can send the contact info to all commission members. There is a way to give a public comment and/or question on the louisvilleky.gov website and to request the meeting link.
- c. Recent poll on return to in person or virtual was sent out. Commission still split on status of meetings. Will remain virtual for near future.

VII. NEXT Meeting

Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, October 4th, 2021 from 4:00pm-5:00pm via Webex Virtual Platform.

All future meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Meetings will continue to be held via Virtual Platform and recorded until public health lifts restrictions on public gatherings.