

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT  
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 4<sup>th</sup> , 2022  
Virtual (WebEx)**

**Ex-Oficio Members Present:**

Sarah Teeters  
Alli Woosley  
Michael Meeks (Chief of Equity)  
Scott Reed-D16  
Jon Pilbean  
Dave Marchal

**Appointed Members Present**

Greg Willett  
Steve Hendricks  
Donna Fox  
Dia Erpenbeck  
Lauren Mountz  
Steven Michael Carr

**Community Members and Guests Present**

Larry Sloan  
Regina Ostertag  
David Allgood  
Michelle Rodgers  
Richard Bush

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM by Dia.**
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE**
  - a. Presentation by Michelle Rodgers of Develop Louisville, compliance and administration division.
  - b. Presentation focused on types of funding, requirements for accessibility, prioritizing visitability and accessibility, and an update on current and future projects.
  - c. For additional information, check out the Louisvilleky.gov website, Develop Louisville Office of Housing.
  - d. David A -asked for clarification on point scoring system for housing projects and which projects are chosen to move forward. Is it possible to give more points to the accessibility features on projects? To incentivize more affordable and accessible housing?
    - i. Accessibility and universal design are just one portion of the point scoring system. Other factors are used to score all projects. Scoring criteria is updated yearly. Score system is

constantly under reconsideration. Louisville CARES system is scored on a rolling basis and has more options for prioritizing accessible housing.

- e. Dia E-where would you direct community members who need accessible housing, but are located outside of Jefferson county?
  - i. Most funds and/or projects mentioned were Jefferson County only. Local Neighborhood place locations may have information on surrounding county resources.
- f. Alli W-When will Home Repair Program funds be available again?
  - i. July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### **IV. CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE LIVING**

- a. Presentation by Lauren Mountz, Center for Accessible Living Housing Coordinator.
- b. Center for Accessibility offers multiple programs to assist disabled citizens with housing modifications, help finding housing and other aspects of independent living; Rampbuilders, Personal Care Attendant program and Housing program.
- c. Two programs for finding safe and affordable housing; Must be receiving SSI or SSDI benefits to be a part of this program.
- d. Section 8 Voucher (current wait time with organization help is 1-2 years). Homeless or at risk of homelessness voucher (0-6 months wait for application processing).
- e. Interpreter and/or ASL available for those who need it
- f. Rental Subsidy (specific to the building you apply. if you move the subsidy does not transfer with you). Average wait time is 6 months -7 years
- g. Will assist anyone who does not qualify with additional resources and referrals related to housing.

#### **V. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

- a. Chief Meeks suggested separating appointed members and Ex-Oficio members at the top of the page for clarity. Also, "interim" will be dropped from Chief Meeks title.
- b. Minutes for March meeting were approved (Steve H-first motion, Chief Meeks-Second)
- c. Minutes for February meeting were approved (Steven M. Carr-first motion, Lauren M-Second)

#### **VI. BY LAWS REVIEW**

- a. Sarah asked that all members review bylaws and meeting time. Please email any recommendations to Sarah so that she can move them on to the county attorney. Ex-Oficio and appointed members may offer suggestions.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Will the May meeting (and future meetings) continue to be virtual? Or will a new day/location/time be chosen? Be thinking of ideas to discuss at May meeting.

#### **VIII. NEXT Meeting**

Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 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.