

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
June 6th, 2022
Virtual (WebEx)**

Ex-Oficio Members Present:

Sarah Teeters
Alli Woosley
Michael Meeks (Chief of Equity)
Dave Marchal
Verna Goatley

Appointed Members Present

Greg Willett
Donna Fox
Dia Erpenbeck
Lauren Mountz
Herb Henry
Tihisha Rawlins
Dr. Ethridge
Richard Jude
Scott Reed (D-16)

**Community Members and
Guests Present**

Regina Ostertag
David Allgood
Chuck Rodgers
Ben Johnson (Parks & Rec)

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Changes to 4-4-22 minutes were the incorrect listing of Councilman Scott Reed as Ex-oficio, he should be listed under Appointed members. Lauren M made the first motion to approve the minutes with the changes listed above. David A second.

IV. APPOINTEE UPDATES

- a. The commission still needs an appointed member representing an education institution. Donna and Sarah will reach out to local universities to find candidates.
- b. Herb H stated will provide Sarah with the contact information for a potential candidate.
- c. Sarah will send out information on current appointees.

V. INTRO TO COMISSION

- a. Sarah provided a brief history of The Commission. It originally started as a task force. It was adopted as a commission in December of 2019 and the first official meeting was held in February of 2020.
- b. Two documents were provided to be reviewed at each member's convenience: "Commission for Persons with Disabilities" and "ordinance No. 093"

VI. BY LAWS REVIEW

- a. Sarah asked if any member would like to change or adjust the by-laws for The Commission.
- b. The attendance section was highlighted, it currently states that appointment members need to attend 50% of scheduled meetings to maintain their appointed seat.
 - i. Chief Meeks added that a statement on excused versus unexcused absences should be added for clarity.

- ii. David A stated that any adjustments need to allow for reasonable accommodations, but that all members should be committed and held accountable for their position on The Commission.
- c. The meeting day and time was put up for discussion. Some alternative locations were discussed but no vote was taken.
 - i. Berrytown Rec Center, Kosair Charities Board Room, the Edison Room, Metro Development Center, Superior Van and Mobility were all listed as possible meeting spots.
 - ii. Berrytown Rec Center is not on a fixed bus route
 - iii. Herb H suggested we work with TARC to provide transport for local citizens who wish to attend meetings.
 - iv. Councilman Reed stated that Tuesday or Thursday are difficult days for Councilmembers to meet as those days are full of other duties.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE LEADS AND UPDATES

- a. All leads for sub-committees have been filled except for Public Spaces/Events and Employment.
- b. Dr. Ethridge and Richard J asked to join the public spaces/Events
- c. Tihisha R asked to join education and awareness
- d. Lauren M asked to join housing and visitability
- e. Herb H asked to join public spaces/events and transportation
- f. All sub-committee leads may contact their members and set up meeting days/times.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. David A would like a representative from LMPD to attend a meeting to discuss new accessible parking laws
- b. Alli W reminded everyone about the annual Fan Fair event that will be held at the Edison Center on Saturday, June 11th. The event is a resource fair and free fan giveaway for seniors 60+ or individuals with a verified disability.
- c. A vote was taken to change the July meeting to Monday, July 11th from 4:00-5:00pm to avoid the Independence Day Holiday. Lauren M made the first motion to approve, Tihisha R second.

IX. NEXT Meeting

- a. Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, July 11th, 2022 from 4:00pm-5:00pm In-person at the Edison Center or via Webex Virtual Platform.
- b. 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.