

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
July 11th, 2022
Virtual (WebEx)**

Ex-Oficio Members Present:

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

Appointed Members Present

Donna Fox
Dia Erpenbeck
Lauren Mountz
Herb Henry
Dr. Destiny Ethridge
Richard Jude
Scott Reed (D-16)
Rachel Roarx (proxy for N.George D-21)
Steven M. Carr

**Community Members and
Guests Present**

Regina Ostertag
David Allgood
Chuck Rodgers
Carrie Butler (TARC)

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting minutes from 6-6-22 were reviewed. Herb H. made the first motion to approve the minutes. Lauren M second.

IV. APPOINTEE UPDATES

- a. The commission still needs an appointed member representing an education institution. Herb will send information to a contact from Simmons College.
- b. Dave M. will no longer be employed with Louisville Metro as of 7-15-22. A new representative will be selected to join the Commission from Develop Louisville.

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. Amended By Laws have been sent to a representative at the County Attorney's Office. A vote will be taken during the August meeting to accept the changes.

- b. A new meeting time and location has been decided. The Commission will meet on the first Monday of each month from 2:00-3:00pm at the Kosair Charities Community Room located at 982 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40217.
- c. Participants may join in person or virtually

VII. TARC Update

- a. Carrie Butler (Executive Director of TARC) provided an update on TARC services.
 - i. Travel Training-Individual or small group training available.
 - ii. Fixed Route, Van Pool Services or TARC3
- b. Questions
 - i. Chuck R-How is the hiring process going?
 - 1. Progress has been made, but there are still openings. Sub-contractors have assisted with service. Happy to report that no service has been cut due to driver shortages.
 - ii. Rick-what is the distance limit for TARC3 travel?
 - 1. Both pick up and drop off must be within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a fixed route
 - iii. Michael M-Negative press has been frequent, do you feel like those issues have been address?
 - 1. Limits on staff and vehicles has made it difficult. Wage increases to staff has helped. Cutting routes and service would be the last option. TARC continues to do the best it can to provide service.
 - iv. Scott R-Do negotiations with TARC drivers affect TARC3 services?
 - 1. No, they are not related.
 - v. David A-Can you explain the cost of a trip? Is it really \$100 or more? Also, what does the "3" in TARC3 stand for
 - 1. A round trip ride cost around \$100, the rider pays \$6 total. Tax payer covers the remaining portion. The "3" in TARC3 stands for 3 different levels of service.
 - vi. Have you seen a demand for TARC3 rides increasing recently?
 - 1. Yes, there has been an increase in ridership and para-transit.
- c. Carrie asked that she be added to the meeting invite so that a representative of TARC could attend all future Commission meetings.

VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE LEADS AND UPDATES

- a. **Transportation**-Provided by Dia: Regina received the travel training for fixed route. This has been a bright spot for her and has helped her feel more confident to ride fixed route and visit new destinations.
 - i. A few questions were raised about fixed route stops such as; non-accessible stops, courtesy stops, and PCA travel.
 - ii. Carries asked that these questions be written in an email and sent to her.
- b. **Housing and Visitability**-Provided by Dave: representatives spoke with council members on a number of housing and accessibility topics. Issues vary per district. A representative from a commercial builder provide information and clarity on a number of issues.
- c. Dave encourage the group to push for classes and/or additional credit to builders who utilize universal design.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. None
- b. A motion to adjourn was presented
 - i. Lauren M first motion, Dave M 2nd.

X. NEXT Meeting

- a. Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, August 1st, 2022 from 2:00-3:00pm at Kosair Charities Community room and via Webex Virtual Platform.
- b. All future meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month from 2:00-3:00pm. Meetings will be held via Virtual Platform and in person.