

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT  
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Virtual (WebEx)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT (via Webex):**

Alex Scholtz  
Donna Fox  
David Marchal  
David Allgood  
Sarah Teeters  
Alli Woosley  
Michael Meeks (interim Chief of Equity)  
Scott Reed-D16

**Community Members Present**

Larry Sloan  
Chuck Rogers

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

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**III. MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Everyone should have received the meeting minutes from October 2021. No quorum present to vote on approval of minutes. Let Alli know of any changes or corrections.

**IV. COMMISSION APPOINTEE UPDATES**

- a. BJ Levis and Alex Scholtz will be rolling off the commission in December 2021. Joi McAtee has accepted a new job and will not be able to serve on the commission any longer.
- b. One appointee, Marcellus Mays, has attended less than half of the meetings, has not responded to recent communications and has been absent since January 2021.
  - i. Commission sent this member a letter as a last attempt at communication. No response has been received. If he does not respond by next meeting, he will be rolling off in December as well.
- c. The commission will be taking applications for any open positions. 2 applications have been received.
- d. Application can be filled out online. Sarah will send an email with information regarding the application process and what spots need to be filled
- e. Sarah confirmed that ex-officio members are non-voting, advisory only. The commission has 13 voting members.

## V. INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL & MISCELLANEOUS

- a. An investigation into TARC practices was discussed at last meeting. No quorum is present today to vote on any actions.
- b. Councilman Reed D16 stated that Councilwoman George D21 had a meeting with Carrie Butler, TARC Executive Director, where a list of questions were to be answered. Councilman Reed D16 suggested we wait to hear the results of that discussion before any decisions are made.
- c. Michael Meeks volunteered to send out reminders for the monthly meetings to encourage members to attend. Sarah will provide contact info for all members. If anyone has had a change to contact info, please let Alli or Sarah know.

## VI. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Transportation (Provided by Dia via email and read by Alex)**-Did not meet in October. Councilwoman George D21 met with Carrie Butler, TARC Executive Director, in September to ask questions from the transportation sub-committee. The sub-committee would like to meet in November to discuss these answers before making any additional proposals for this committee.
- b. **Housing & Visitability (Provided by David Allgood)** – Members met with a representative from the city of Louisville about ARP money that could be used for affordable and accessible housing. Discussed the possibility of any new affordable housing being built with ARP money having all first floor units being designated “accessible” and using universal design. Councilman Reed D16 added that funding is still being debated and this sub-committee should continue to push for “accessible” housing options, he suggested reaching out to Councilman Hollander, chair of the budget committee for Louisville Metro Council.
- c. **Employment (Provided by Alex)**-Alex will reach out to sub-committee members to set up their next meeting.
- d. **Public Spaces/Events**-No sub-committee members present
- e. **Education & Awareness**-No sub-committee members present

## VII. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. **Sarah**-A public comment was provided via the website link. Melinda McCullough “I just graduated with my BS in Business Administration and I have Masters. My concern has been with transportation issues with Para transit and not being able to secure a guaranteed ride to a job. I do not have a way around but Tarc3Paratransit. So how will I be able to secure employment? Also, the other concerns I am having are finding affordable, safe, accessible housing for those with disabilities. I have been on the list for accessible housing for over 7 years and I am still number 7000 +. We need to live in a safe and accessible place to live. “
  - i. **Larry S** added that TARC 3 has struggled recently with the amount of drivers and proper training. TAAC has expressed these concerns to TARC. It is a difficult task to hire and maintain drivers. Their troubles have caused a lot of concern for the disabled community.
- b. **Chuck R**-A community member informed Mr. Rogers that the KFC Yum center may not be allowing disabled citizens to purchase tickets on the floor/Lower level. They are being told there is no elevator to the floor level. Mr. Rogers has utilized an elevator and been down on the floor level, so it should be available. The KFC Yum center may be misleading disabled citizens about availability of seating.

- i. **David A** stated that an investigation and news report into ticket prices/accessible seating at events will be airing soon on WHAS.
- ii. The specific incident was for a concert at the KFC Yum center and the ticket office informing a paying customer that no tickets were available on the floor. Discussion was held over if a third-party ticketing office was involved or just KFC Yum. Mr. Rogers confirmed the conversation was directly with KFC Yum, but a third-party vendor for concerts could be controlling seating arrangements.
- iii. Investigation and discussion will need to be done to make sure that disabled citizens have the same access to ticketing and seating in the facility.

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

Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.