Age Friendly Louisville Housing Workgroup Meeting Minutes

2:00 - 3:30PM

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November 6th, 2024, | Edison Center 701 W. Ormsby Ave. Lou, KY 40203



Attendance: Tanya Sallee, Tracey Collins, Erin Lamon, Stacie Redmon, Tihisha Rawlins, Sophia Banks Notetaker: Stacie Redmon Housing Note Taking Form https://forms.gle/KfRcAjrbfNBNGxUK6

1. Recap of Strategic Plan Kickoff Event:

After the housekeeping, the workgroup recapped last week's strategic plan launching event kickoff event was a success with an engaged audience and informative guest speakers. The group discussed feedback from attendees from the event, including the need for easily navigable resources and the interest in co-housing models. These insights will help guide the next steps in implementing the action plan.

2. Discussion: Implementation of Action Plan

The group discussed the challenges faced by a senior resident who needed modifications in their house to age-in-place and challenges in building standards, such as for instance wrong installation heights of sinks for individuals with limited mobility in a senior living community and no repercussions for contractors. CAPS and Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) were also discussed.

• Resources

o Parkinson's Partners: Resource for community support.

o AmeriCorps & Senior Companions: Resource/grant opportunity Aging in place resource (available through ElderServe 4 years ago).

o Website: Update Age-Friendly Louisville resources available at age.friendlylou.com.

• Speakers

o *Co-Housing Model*: Separate individual homes with shared spaces (big communal house with courtyard, shared cooking and other errand responsibilities).

o Monthly Speakers: Inviting speakers each month to cover various topics (e.g. speakers from New Directions, Land Trust, Land Bank Authority for redevelopment).

o Land Bank Authority: Focuses on rehabilitating abandoned buildings and promoting redevelopment.

o *Economic Land Development*: Facebook page for updates on abandoned properties; the public can bid if interested see if there is alignment with the action plan

o New Directions: Focuses on housing and community support (e.g., Project Warm, home repairs to support aging in place).

• Key Community Projects/organizations to watch

o LM's Goal: Aim to develop 15,000 housing units by 2027; is there focus on accessibility?

o AARP Community Challenge Grants: AARP grant used for fast action projects (e.g., extended crossing timers, added benches for an outdoor enhancement project).

o Repair Fair: Organized by New Directions for home repairs, enhancing accessibility for seniors.

o Louisville Metro's Housing Accessibility: Working on accessible options for aging in place.

Standards for Accessibility

 CAPS Certification (Certified Aging in Place Specialist): Program through the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), focusing on accessible home design standards. Consider adding builders with CAPS certification for housing projects.

o Survey and Criteria: List of criteria for CAPS certification and roadblocks faced in recent projects.

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3.	 Housing Workgroup Next Steps Meeting Structure: Develop leaders for each goal and report progress monthly. Action Plan Implementation – logging of activities: Members are asked to use QR-code to submit meeting notes and action steps through the available Google form. Permit Process: Address challenges in permitting for accessible housing, such as for ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). Workgroup members hope to have more participation in future meetings and asked to re-invite workgroup members to join. The coordinator will send out emails and make targeted social posts to encourage attendance.
4.	 Additional Notes & Future Topics Accessible Living Facilities: Exploration of foster care for adults with disabilities, 24/7 residential options similar to the Harbor House Erin mentioned there are not enough resources for people with disabilities of a certain age and brought up caretaking in the form of a fostering program where caretakers receive financial aid Co-Housing: Opportunity for expansion, especially for seniors, as more affordable and communal living options are needed. Independent Living Discussions: Potential speaker from Metro Disabilities Services (e.g., Greg Willet) to discuss fostering accessibility in independent living environments. Eviction Prevention and Fair Housing: Ongoing legislative efforts to promote fairness in housing and prevent evictions.
5. Resc	heduling of Housing Workgroup Meetings 2025 The first workgroup meeting in January was moved to 2 nd Wednesday day to January 8 th 2 - 3:30 pm. February – May the meeting location or date of the workgroup has to be changed as LMG will be meeting in Edison Center on 1st Wed. Suggestions: meeting at conference room at UofL Trager Institute or move to 2 nd Wed of the month. Dates/locations will have to be confirmed.
6. Additional events and resources discussed:	
• <u>See co</u>	Redevelopment of Parkway Place Apartments in the Algonquin neighborhood (614 units) verage
• <u>Permit</u>	Initiatives to improve affordable housing projects s take too long and are cumbersome
•	Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) https://www.nahb.org/education-and-events/education/designations/housing-credit-certified-professional-hccp

• The VAPStat Joint Meeting

Landbank Authority meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Old Jail Building and can also be attended online

• Metro Government launches program to increase rentals for houseless people:

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Landlord Incentive Program offers financial incentives to local property owners

Next Meeting – December 4th, 2 - 3:30 pm Meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month, 2 - 3:30 pm