

Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Tentative Community Affairs, Health and Education Committee

Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member David Yates (D-25)

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Shanklin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Shanklin introduced the committee member and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

*NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members attended the meeting virtually.

Present: 6 - Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member

Jessica Green (D-1), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member

Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member David Yates (D-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), and Council Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. ID 20-1553

Special Discussion on the Amendments to the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances Chapter 92 that Provides for More Fair Access to Rental Housing - Kendall Boyd, Human Relations Commission; Lisa Osanka, Louisville Metro Housing Authority; and JD Carey, Louisville Apartment Association

<u>Attachments:</u> Kendall Boyd's Housing Discrimination Ordinance Presentation 11.11.20.pdf

The following spoke to the item:

- Committee Member Green
- Kendall Boyd, Human Relations Commission, presented a presentation
- Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member Mulvihill
- Vice Chair Triplett
- Committee Member Benson
- Committee Member Parker
- JD Carey, Louisville Apartment Association
- Lisa Osanka, Louisville Metro Housing Authority
- Chair Shanklin
- Council Member Bill Hollander

The Following was discussed:

- Louisville Metro Human Resources is a partner with Housing Urban Development (HUD)
- The Ordinance is to combat 21st Century Discrimination
- The Civil Rights Act passed in 1960
- The discrimination in race has now grown to a source of income, homeless status, conviction, arrest history and to a person veteran's status
- Veterans face the same shortage of affordable housing options and living wage jobs as all Americans
- Veterans will exhibit symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse, opiod use disorder, mental illness due to serving in the military at war are at a greater risk of homelessness than the general public
- No one wants to rent to a person who has been living in a tent for a year
- Homelessness disproportionately affects people of color, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer (LGBTQ)
- As of January 2018, Kentucky has had an estimated 3,688 veteran's experiencing homelessness
- Source of Income discriminating can include child support, alimony, foster care subsidies, income derived from social security, grants, pension or any form of federal, state, or local public assistance or housing assistance
- Damage deposits
- Rental payments with no-intent to pay
- Dealing with individuals with a bad history of paying -The landlords can require the individual to pay with cash or money orders
- Discussion regarding the Section 8 System
- Families that receive a voucher often face challenges finding a rental unit

due to legal discrimination against voucher holders

- Breakdown of voucher holders: 38 percent adults with children, 21 percent elderly, 20 percent disabled adults, 12 percent childless adults, 8 percent disabled adults with children, and 1 percent elderly with children
- Incentives provided to property owners
- Care funding program for landlords
- Discussion of other felonies sex offenders, violent individuals, kidnappers, Arson, Damage of property, also not included theft by deception
- Changes in the voucher programs and incentive programs Owners incentive fee \$500 Bonus, bring in a new unit additional \$500
- Vacancy loss payments, two month special commitment from Housing Urban Development, (HUD), also damage loss payment
- Housing Urban Development, (HUD) offer Landlord reduced security deposits to help individuals
- Housing Urban Development, (HUD) offer Income Protection Program
- The options landlords have to take tenants to court
- Discriminated against contact the Human Relations Commission and file a complaint

Pending Legislation

2. R-146-20

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF MR. RAY A. BARKER, SR. BY DEDICATING THE INTERSECTION OF CECIL AVENUE AND WEST BROADWAY AS MR. RAY A. BARKER, SR. "SIR FRIENDLY 'C" IN HIS HONOR.

Sponsors: Primary Jessica Green (D-1)

Attachments: R-146-20 V.1 110520 Honorary Street Sign for Sir Friendly C.pdf

A motion was made by Vice Chair Triplett, seconded by Committee Member Green, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Committee Member Green spoke to the item and stated, Ray Barker has been a long term resident of District 1, dating back to the time she was a child, she recalled "Sir Friendly C" being active in the community. He retired from the Louisville Metro Police Department, after a long career in law enforcement. He has dedicated his life to service, children and to the community and they are happy to have him by giving him the honorary street sign and it is well deserved. She asked her colleagues to support this honor.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to Old Business.

3. O-395-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS. 92.02, 92.03 and 93.04 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") AMENDING THE DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MORE FAIR ACCESS TO RENTAL HOUSING.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Primary Jessica Green (D-1), Primary David James (D-6), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Additional Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

Attachments: O-395-19 PROPOSED FABS 111920 Amend LMCO Fair Access to

Rental Housing.pdf

O-395-19 V.1 112119 Amend LMCO Fair Access to Rental

Housing.pdf

LMHA HCV Landlord Incentive letter Aug 2020.pdf

12.4.19 Adding Source of Income to Fair Housing Law.pdf

12-4-19 Kendall Boyd's Housing Discrimination Ordinance

Presentation.pdf

Kendall Boyd's Housing Discrimination Ordinance Presentation

11.11.20.pdf

A motion was made by Vice Chair Triplett, seconded by Committee Member Green, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The motion carried by the following vote, and the Ordinance was sent to Old Business.

Yes: 5 - Shanklin, Triplett, Green, Mulvihill, and Parker

Present: 1 - Benson

Excused: 1 - Yates

4. R-119-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK TO RELEASE THE DETAILS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2020.

Attachments: R-119-20 SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWN 091720 - County Clerk 2020 Election Plan.pdf

Sponsorship was withdrawn.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Shanklin adjourned the meetiing at 2:25 p.m.

*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on November 19, 2020.