



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Tentative Community Affairs, Housing, Health and Education Committee

Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

1:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair Shanklin called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members attended the meeting virtually excepted Vice Chair Triplett, who attended in the Chambers.**

Present: 7 - Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1), Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member James Peden (R-23)

Support Staff

Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk
Lisa Franklin-Gray, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0195](#)

Redlining - Joshua Poe, Root Cause Research Center.

The following spoke to the item:

- Joshua Poe, Root Cause Research, presented a presentation
- Council Member Peden
- Chair Shanklin
- Committee Member Benson
- Council Member McCraney
- Committee Member Purvis

The following was discussed:

- Josh Poe authored the interactive story map, **Redlining Louisville Racial Capitalism and Real Estate**
- Background history on Redlining
- Discussion regarding racial capitalism, racial zoning and urban renewal policies
- Issue with the statement - Poor people are responsible for their own conditions
- How the research of Josh Poe regarding Redlining was presented by the Mayor's Office
- Defining racial capitalism - "the process of deriving social and economic value from the racial identity of another person"
- Harlan Bartholomew and how he created the nation's first zoning ordinance
- Harlan Bartholomew recommended that large sections of the Black business districts in Russell be demolished and be replaced with an Institutional Housing Design
- The targeting of public transportation
- The racial wealth gap
- How White people with diplomas have more net worth than Black people with college degrees
- Concentrated Black poverty was serviceable to industrial capitalism
- The purpose of what race and racism serve
- Massive increase on homelessness
- The rents paid by Russell residents are thus in essence extracted as income for White absentee landlords
- Property owned by private entities outside of the West End
- Discussion regarding the Nuisance Ordinance
- Approximately fifteen thousand Slumlords own property in the Black communities
- Metro Council should take a look at the information given and work out a strategy
- Discussion regarding everybody's property value not being connected to race
- Louisville, KY and Breonna Taylor case
- Chair Shanklin invited Joshua Poe to come back at a later date and share more information

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Shanklin adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.