



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
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Action Summary - Tentative Committee on Equity and Inclusion

Chair David James (D-6)
Vice Chair Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Monday, July 13, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Vice Chair George called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Present: 7 - Chair Person David James (D-6), Vice Chair Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin, Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), and Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Non-Committee Members

Council Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), Council Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), and Council Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

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Sonya Harward, Clerk
Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk
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Special Discussion

[ID 20-0850](#)

Special Discussion: Equity and Land Use - Emily Liu, Planning and Design Services

Attachments: [Presentation - Equity in Land Use Policy, Regulation, and Practice 071320.pdf](#)

Vice Chair George spoke about disparities and how this new committee will give legislative focus to equity in the community. She spoke about Louisville's racial segregation and economic disparities not occurring naturally and how they were development through land use policies and procedures. She spoke about land use impacting every facet of resident's daily lives, including food, transportation, health, education, and generational wealth.

Jeff O'Brien, Develop Louisville, explained that they would be discussing the Land Development Code and land use policy and history, and that the overview will show how Louisville got to where it is, some of the remaining barriers, and share what some other cities are doing around the country. He spoke about the most recent comprehensive plan, Plan 2040, that was adopted by the Council in 2018 and one of the guiding principles in it being equity. He noted a few actions that have been taken since the adoption of Plan 2040 to address equity, including a housing needs assessment which looked at the Land Development Code and the legacy of zoning and redlining and their impact on the community.

Emily Liu and Joel Dock, Planning and Design Services, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

Jeff O'Brien
Committee Member Dorsey
Committee Member Peden
Council Member Hollander
Committee Member Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- Draft Resolution to be shared with the Council and with the Planning Commission at their meeting on Thursday [July 16, 2020]
- Examples of ways that some developers today are just as guilty of redlining as builders were back in early 1900s
- Alternative developments
- Louisville's 60,000-unit shortage of affordable homes and the need for a mix of apartments and single-family homes in order to provide safe, decent, and affordable places to live
- How more discussions about the need, the history of discrimination, and the ongoing racial and economic segregation in the community will hopefully attack the NIMBY (not in my backyard) thinking about housing
- Planning and Design would be able to provide legislation with recommended changes to the Land Development Code about six months after the Council passes the proposed Resolution -- plan to seek public engagement and to run the recommendations through the Racial Equity Toolkit to avoid any unintended consequences

- Affordable housing being developed in Black neighborhoods
- The new development being built to replace the old Beecher Terrace
- The drafted Resolution will initiate a review of the Land Development Code so that future legislation can be introduced to amend it

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair George adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.