



June 2006

NEWSletter

It's been fun!

by Nancy Reinhart

Thank you to everyone with whom I have worked over the last two years. It has been an honor to serve such a magnificent organization, with such wonderful members. As I knew little about affordable housing and the social justice movement in Louisville when I arrived, I have definitely learned a great deal during my stint at MHC, especially from fearless female leaders like Jane Walsh, Suzy Post and Cathy Hinko. The Open the Door Campaign is the project I am most proud to have worked on — all of those involved are an amazingly righteous group of advocates! I hope to see you all soon and I look forward to my first chance to relax and enjoy the next Annual Meeting in 2007. 🏠

MHC's 17th Annual Meeting a stand-up night!

The Annual Meeting on May 9th was again a great success this year! MHC's Executive Director **Cathy Hinko** started off the evening with an energizing call and response — *Knock knock! Open the door!* She spelled



MHC Executive Director Cathy Hinko raises the roof with her opening remarks at the Annual Meeting.

out MHC's vision for 2006, to continue exploring issues of poverty, race and gender, and to influence the establishment of a local affordable housing trust fund.

Kevin Dunlap highlighted MHC's dynamic year in the *State of Metropolitan Housing Address*. He also took time to have the crowd stand up and salute **Diane Kirkpatrick**, recent Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Diane has devoted her career to raising awareness about affordable housing issues.

When Harvard's Civil Rights

Project Director **Dr. Gary Orfield** began to speak, it was quiet enough to hear a pin drop. A former consultant with the Jefferson County School System for desegregation planning, he returned to Louisville to speak to MHC's crowd of more than 500. Dr. Orfield noted that while Louisville has strengths to build upon, such as our strong student assignment plan, we have a long way to go as a community in order to address racism and truly integrate neighborhoods. He stated that Louisville, by not planning for fair housing and integrated neighborhoods, has enacted a default plan — one of segregation. We must be vigilant and aggressive in planning for future integration and increased housing choice or we will not achieve it.

Children have major professional advantages, he argued, when they grow up in an inter-racial neighborhood, as it prepares them for a multi-cultural economy. He also

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An enthusiastic crowd of more than 500 affordable housing advocates attended MHC's 17th Annual Meeting on May 9th at the Marriott in downtown Louisville.

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MHC MEMBER News

Here is what some of MHC's member organizations are doing

The **Community Action Partnership's** Summer Food Service Program, feeding all kids 18 and under in our community, will be held from June 5 through August 11. For site locations, call 574-1157 or visit www.louisvilleky.gov/cap.

The **Nurses Professional Organization** and **Kentucky Jobs With Justice**, along with other partners, will convene a *Health Care for All Hearing* at 10:30am until 12:30pm on Saturday, June 10 at Calvary Episcopal Church, 821 S. 4th. The hearing is a part of the June 7th week of national action in this movement. 6/7/6 corresponds to the numbers on the United States National Health Insurance Act, H.R. 676, Congressman John Conyers' single payer plan. For more information, contact Harriette Seiler at 899-3861.

The **Kling Center** Golf Fundraiser is June 12 at 8am at the Crossing Golf Club. The cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a team. Hole sponsorships are \$100. Lunch will be served after play. To sign up, call Valerie at 636-3424. The Kling Center, established in 1978, provides activities and services to seniors who wish to maintain active, healthy, independent lives.

Republic Bank & Trust Company Golf Challenge is June 19 at Chariot Run, the golf course at Caesars Indiana. Lunch begins at 11am; shotgun starts at noon; dinner and prizes follow the rounds. This event benefits Jewish Family & Vocational Services & the Jewish Community Center. Call 452-6341 to register a foursome.

US Bank and **The Housing Partnership** present the 2nd Annual Champions of Home Ownership luncheon on June 21 from noon until 1:30pm at the Hyatt Regency on Fourth Street. This year's honoree is Louisville Metro Housing Authority for being the first housing author-

ity in the nation to utilize the Section 8 voucher system toward home owners. For ticket information, call 585-5451.

The Villages of Park DuValle is pleased to announce the grand opening of its Model Village on July 8 & 9. Come see the beautiful homes in this award-winning community where financial assistance is still available to all homebuyers! Visit www.thevillagesofparkduvalle.com or call Ampy Cogswell at **Louisville Real Estate Development Company** at 515-1979.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries will host a film festival in July to celebrate the strength and courage of refugees. The films, which spotlight cultural groups of refugees on their resettlement journey, will be shown at the Chao Auditorium in UL's Ekstrom Library on July 9, 16 & 23 at 3pm. Each film will be followed by a panel discussion. Call 479-9180.

Dare to Care Food Bank Festival will be presented by Kroger on October 1. This fun family event will be held at the Great Lawn at Waterfront Park. Mark the date and look for more details soon.

New members

We extend a warm welcome to new individual members **Kathleen Palmer & Pat Tierney, Bill & Krista Keehn, John & Ginny Reinhart, Stacy Deck, and Janet Dakan**. Our new organizational members are **Hughes Architecture** with delegate **Roger Hughes, Covenant Housing** with delegate **Bill Lippy, and Sisters of Charity of Nazareth** with delegate **Joetta Veeneman**.

Here's a message from *Cathy Hinko* MHC Executive Director

MHC is still in transition and with that comes loss and opportunity. Nancy Reinhart is leaving MHC to go to graduate school in public health. While that is a great loss to our organization, it is the next logical step for her to realize her enormous potential. Nancy was a gift to us as she restructured her life from her Peace Corps work in public health in Armenia to being ready to develop all the necessary skills and knowledge for her to become an important international leader in public health. I predict that future with confidence, as I was privileged to see a part of her depth of ability, leadership and commitment to social justice. I have been continuously awed and I know that, in following her passion, Nancy will give full rein to those abilities and will be a great leader. If you have ever met Nancy, you too share my confidence in that prediction.

Nancy was part of the transformation of MHC. She ranged from being the lead partner from MHC for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund campaign to elevating MHC's development process into a planned strategy and then implementing that strategy.

If it were all about me, Nancy would *not* be allowed to leave! But I know she will take a place on the world stage in bringing social justice to all people. Nancy will leave in the summer; she has agreed to help us out for a time as we get a new development and special projects director. This gives you the chance to wish her the best.

Redefining Brownfields

by Doug Magee

Louisville Metro, through an innovative partnership with the University of Louisville's Center for Environmental Policy and Management and the Center for Neighborhoods, began a review in Fall 2005 entitled *Redefining Brownfields: A Look at the Park-Hill Corridor*. The corridor covers many acres of developable land in the central part of the city, roughly located between Broadway and Algonquin Parkway and 9th and 18th streets.

A broad cross-section of community representatives have attended a series of workshops on what constitutes a brownfield, how to address the clean-up required and the various demographics about the Park-Hill Corridor, past and present. However, the process is concentrating on what the future could look like.

The Non-profit Housing Alliance and MHC are involved in this process because we believe in addressing our civic problems in a comprehensive way with advanced planning at the center. Additionally, we are there to help explore and advance the possibilities of improving and increasing the supply of fair, safe and affordable housing in the Park-Hill Corridor and surrounding areas. Redevelopment would be key, not only for our city, but for those current residents needing homes and jobs and businesses needing employees. Together, I think we can meet the needs of both sectors and encourage a livable, mixed use neighborhood convenient to downtown and transportation routes.

Educational workshops are being held during the next few months to prepare for a more concentrated schedule in the fall. The next two meetings, locations not confirmed, will be *Brownfield Redevelopment Financing* on June 13, and *How Clean is Clean and Environmental Justice* on June 20. Both meetings will be held from 5:30–7:30pm, with a light meal served. For more information and to check locations, please see www.redefiningbrownfields.org or contact Allison Houlihan, Graduate Research Assistant, at 852-8284 or afhoul01@gwise.louisville.edu. 🏠

Annual Meeting pix worth a thousand words



Left: State Representative Jim Wayne & his wife Debbie

Bottom left: Former Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Diane Kirkpatrick

Bottom right: 2006 Annual Meeting Chair Garnett Furnish & MHC Board member Suzy Post



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charged Louisville leaders with addressing policy barriers to affordable housing and recommended that we include a 15% affordable housing mandate in all future neighborhood developments. Speaking from personal experience, Dr. Orfield testified that affordable housing, with proper urban planning and community integration promotion, does not decrease property values. We look forward to following Dr. Orfield's research in the future and will seek his advice again!

Thanks go to all who made this event possible, including our **Annual Meeting Committee volunteers, Dreams with Wings, Holt Printing Company, Nanz & Kraft, Laura Greenwell of Dragonfly Design, Caitlin McSurely, Lauren Kehr and Ann Rhodes** and the **Manual High School Key Club**.

Be sure to check out our website — www.metropolitanhousing.org — to see more pictures from the event. Finally, here's a special thanks to our sponsors:

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- Keystone Sponsors — **Commonwealth Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Norton Healthcare, PNC Bank,** and **Republic Bank**
- Groundbreaking Sponsors — **Fannie Mae Community Business Center, Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville Metro Housing Authority, Kentucky Housing Corporation, New Directions Housing Corporation, Presbyterian Church USA,** and **Stites & Harbison.** 🏠



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A glance at national housing news

The House just passed a FY2007 budget resolution. The House and Senate must now compromise on versions of the upcoming budget to avoid omnibus legislation. Many senators recently signed a letter of support for affordable housing, demanding that FY 2007 presidential proposals to slash some housing programs be removed. They request \$4.2 billion in spending for the Community Development Block Grant and adequate funding for programs such as Housing for the Elderly, Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Fair Housing Programs, all of which were significantly cut in the President's proposed budget. Call Senators McConnell and Bunning *and* your House Representative today and ask them to support funding for HUD programs and CDBG. Visit www.nlihc.org for more details. 🏠

MHC seeks talent

- ▶ **Development and Special Projects Director** — Identify sources and write grants, oversee functions for thriving membership and direct specific advocacy projects. Experience in data base management, writing skills, community organizing and project coordination required. Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years experience preferred.
- ▶ **Part-time Administrative Assistant** — Competitive wages, health care provided. Strong organization and communication skills a must. Experience in database management, web development a plus.

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Meetings in June

6/8/06
Fair Housing Coalition
Thursday, June 8, 1pm
Louisville Urban League
1535 W. Broadway

6/28/06
MHC Board of Directors
Wednesday, June 28, 12pm
Jewish Family & Vocational Service
3587 Dutchmans Lane