



Metropolitan Housing Coalition NEWSLETTER

September 2010

2010 State of Metropolitan Housing Report

MHC is excited to announce the release date for the *2010 State of Metropolitan Housing Report*. We will release the 2010 report at a press conference with a public forum.

2010 State of Metropolitan Housing Report Release
Thursday, October 28, 12:00 p.m.
New Directions Housing Corporation
1000 East Liberty Street

Published annually since 2003, the *State of Metropolitan Housing Report* examines nine measures of housing affordability to paint a picture of housing conditions in the Louisville region. Each year, the State of Metropolitan Housing report also has a focus area. In past years, we have focused on energy costs, and transportation, among other issues. This year, we will focus on housing policy. We believe the report will serve as a valuable tool for policy makers, advocates, and residents, especially with the upcoming change in mayoral administrations.

The *2010 State of Metropolitan Housing Report* will provide a housing policy road map which addresses 13 policy categories. For each category, there will be an overview of research on the effectiveness of policies and real-world examples of policies in action. Policy categories examined will be: mixed-income housing; shared and community housing; housing trust funds; vacant housing and foreclosures; redevelopment and tax incentives; weatherization, energy efficient renovation and safety; housing the homeless; transportation; subsidized housing; housing an aging population; land development codes and zoning; and housing conditions and code enforcement. The *2010 State of Metropolitan Housing Report* will provide options for Louisville as our community works to shape our housing policy future.

John Vick, M.A., of the University of Louisville Center for Environmental Policy & Management is the lead author for the *2010 State of Metropolitan Housing Report* and will present findings at the release.

The report is made possible with the support of Janet Dakan, Louisville Metro Government, PNC Bank, the Gannett Foundation, and the Barth Foundation.



Public Hearing on Zoning for Homeless Shelters

The Homeless Shelter Zoning Task Force recommendations are scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission in a public hearing on **Thursday, September 30th at 1:00 p.m. (Old Jail Courtroom – 514 West Liberty Street).**

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation for changes to the Land Development Code and send the item forward to the Metro Council (and other legislative bodies with zoning authority within Metro) for final action.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the public hearing and to address the Planning Commission. There will be many people who want to continue Louisville Metro's policy of herding low-income people into a small area of this city. Come and speak for justice. The recommendations of the Task Force, a body representing all interests from home builders to neighborhood organizations to individual citizens, encourage zoning that will be broad but will ensure quality of services to the homeless and good stewardship in the neighborhoods through the 20 year old Quality of Assurance Standards.

This is the only public hearing that will occur prior to consideration by the legislative bodies, so the record that is built through this hearing process will be the core material available for the elected officials when they decide on the land use regulations for shelters.

Help for Homeless Veterans

Call the VA Homeless Veteran Hotline
1-877-4AID VET

Thanks to Ginny Peck

On September 4, 2010, Virginia "Ginny" Peck retired from her position as Community Planning and Development Director for the US Department of Housing Development (HUD)- Louisville Field Office after over 40 years of Federal service.

MHC wants to thank Ginny for her many years of service, especially for her dedicated work to increase affordable housing and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income people in our region.

MHC Intervenes in Sale of LG&E/KU to PPL

MHC has long recognized that housing must be affordable not only in terms of rent or mortgage payments but also in terms of home energy costs. The proposed sale of Louisville Gas & Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities to PPL presented MHC with an opportunity to continue our home energy advocacy on behalf of our members, low-income residents, and developers of affordable housing. Among other issues, MHC was concerned about how the sale might affect low-income payment assistance programs, energy efficiency programs; and the cost of utilities. With legal assistance from the Kentucky Resources Council, MHC sought and received "full intervention" status in the pending Public Service Commission (PSC) case regarding the request of PPL to acquire LG&E/KU from E.ON US. Our status as one of several Intervenor in the case enabled Cathy Hinko to file direct testimony to the PSC in July.

A settlement reached between all Intervenor and the utilities, if approved by the PSC, will provide several new or extended provisions to assist the most vulnerable ratepayers. Of the 11 issues raised by MHC, PPL offered to undertake activities responding to 9 of them. A brief summary of the issues presented by MHC, along with a description of how the settlement addresses those issues, can be downloaded from the MHC website at

http://metropolitanhousing.org/pdf/mhcdoc_248.pdf

The Metropolitan Housing Coalition was represented by Tom FitzGerald of the Kentucky Resources Council. The Kentucky Resources Council provides legal and technical assistance without charge to low-income individuals and organizations on air, waste, water, energy and utility matters. MHC is a member of the Council, and encourages you to consider joining and supporting KRC's work. More information can be found at www.kyrc.org.

2010 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference

September 22-23, 2010

Louisville Marriott Downtown

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) is hosting the 2010 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference in Louisville. The theme of the conference is "The Power of Housing at Work." The conference will help keep people focused on a common goal – helping Kentuckians have and keep a safe, quality, affordable place to live.

Conference workshops are offered in the following areas:

- **Energy Awareness** topics include: energy conservation initiatives; Kentucky Home Performance (KHP) Programs; and KHP energy audits.
- **Homeownership Counseling and Education** sessions examine: KHC's counseling and education program; housing transitioning after foreclosure; pre-purchase counseling; and managing homeownership education and counseling programs.
- **Homeownership Mortgage Lending** workshops discuss: Kentucky State Law and program updates from HUD, the Federal Housing Administration, and KHC.
- **Housing Finance and Construction-Homeownership Production** sessions discuss: rethinking the American Dream of homeownership; innovative practices to sell homes in a weak market; performance measurement for rural housing organizations; and federal reporting and accounting regulations.
- **Housing Finance and Construction- Rental Production** sessions feature: demographic changes in Kentucky's housing market; program updates from HUD, the Rural Housing Service, Federal Home Loan Bank, and KHC; a tax-credit syndicator forum; and a developers round table.
- **Specialized Housing Resources** workshops examine: Recovery Kentucky; offender re-entry in Kentucky; the new HEARTH Act; and the Home of the Innocents, with a tour.

For more information about the event, or to register, go to <http://conferences.kyhousing.org>.

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

50th Anniversary

Civil & Human Rights Conference

October 13-15, 2010

Kentucky International Convention Center

MHC, the Fair Housing Coalition, and the Lexington Fair Housing Council are organizing two workshops for the conference: zoning and how housing affects school desegregation.

For more information about the conference go to www.kchr.ky.gov or call 595-4024.



Schedule of Events

Sept. 21- Louisville Vacant Properties Campaign Meeting. Presbyterian Community Center, 701 South Hancock, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 21- Volunteers of America of Kentucky Real³ Journey- A one hour program and tour that highlights the services VOA provides. VOA Family Emergency Shelter, 1321 S. Preston Street, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Real³ Journeys will also be held at the shelter on: **Sept. 28**, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; **Oct. 21**, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; **Nov. 10**, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m; and **Dec. 14**, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Please RSVP for any of the scheduled Real³ Journeys to Farrah Ferriell- 636-4639 or farrahf@voaky.org.

Sept. 25 - The Race to End Homelessness 2010 5K. Benefits the Coalition for the Homeless. Get more information and register at www.racetoendhomelessness.org. Cherokee Park Scenic Loop, 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 25 - ACLU of KY's Reproductive Freedom Project Annual Fundraiser, featuring Maiden Radio and Squallis Puppeteers. For more information, call 581-9746. Bingham Theater at Glenview, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 – Louisville AIDS Walk. Support local agencies serving individuals and families infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. For more information call 587-5080 or go to www.louisvilleaidswalk.org. The Belvedere, 1:00 p.m- registration, 2:00 p.m- 5K Run, 3:00 p.m-Walk/PetWalk.

October 3- Voting Rights Coalition Power to the People Fest for Voter Madness. Celebrates voter education efforts in a fun, family-friendly event featuring games, music, spoken word performances and food. For more information, contact Shameka Parrish-Wright, 589-3188. Baxter Square Park, 301 S. 12th St. 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

October 6 – Center for Non-Profit Excellence Non-Profit Leadership Conference and Awards Luncheon. For more information, call 315-2673. Galt House, East Tower, 140 N S. 4th St., 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

October 7 – 2010 Green Spark Awards for Generating Energy Savings Initiatives in Louisville. The event will also feature a green businesses trade show. Event proceeds benefit Project Warm, For tickets or more information, call 636-9276. Henry Clay Building, 604 S.3rd St. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

October 10 - U. of Louisville-Yearlings Club Candidate Forum for Mayor. For more information call 852-3042 or 852-2252 . The Yearlings Club, 4309 W. Broadway, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

October 13-15 – Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 50th Anniversary Civil and Human Rights Conference. For more information go to www.kchr.ky.gov or call 595-4024. Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 S. 4th St.

October 15 - St. John Center 14th Annual Benefit Golf Scramble. Features a silent auction and prizes for golfers. For more information or to register, call Bill Lockard at 491-2807 or Dan Lockard at 212-0602 by Oct. 1. Shelbyville Country Club, 47 Smithfield Rd., Shelbyville, 11:30 a.m.

October 26 - Hammers, Hardhats & Hope. A benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Habitat is celebrating 25 years! For more information, call the Habitat Development office, 805-1409. Kentucky Center for the Arts, 501 W. Main, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

October 28 – ACLU's 17th Annual Bill of Rights Dinner. Features the Executive Director of the National ACLU, Anthony Romero. Visit www.aclu-ky.org or call 581-9746 for more information. Hyatt Regency Downtown, 320 W. Jefferson, 5:30 -8:30 p.m

November 10 - U. of Louisville-Yearlings Club Election Analysis- What Just Happened? Discuss the results of the election. For more information call **852-3042** or **852-2252** . The Yearlings Club, 4309 W. Broadway, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

December 1- Dining Out For Life. Dine at a participating restaurant and a portion of your check will benefit HIV/AIDS services provided by House of Ruth for Glade House. For more information visit: www.diningoutforlife.com/Louisville

In Memory of Dona O'Sullivan

My amazing friend Dona O'Sullivan died September 4. Dona was a fierce advocate for solutions to homelessness and a global thinker- as well as a person who took action. At the time of her death, Dona was on five boards, all of them about making this community better for people without resources of their own.

We have lost so many leaders in recent years, including George Edwards this June. These are people I looked to for guidance. We will all have to work that much harder for a more just world.

-Cathy Hinko, MHC Executive Director

To submit your community events, please email Curtis at curtisstauffer@metropolitanhousing.org.

Help Build Our Coalition- Encourage Your Friends and Neighbors to Join MHC!



As an MHC Member you:

- **Support** the creation of long-term solutions to our community's affordable housing crisis.
- **Join** the diverse coalition of over 170 individual and 200 organizational members which make up our far-reaching base.
- **Receive** our monthly newsletter and published reports on timely housing issues that touch the Metro Louisville region and beyond.
- **Advertise** your events in our printed and electronic newsletters and link your website to ours.
- **Most important of all**, you will have your voice heard at this historic and critical time!

For membership questions, please call the office at (502) 584-6858 to talk to Curtis.
To make an online donation, visit us on the web at www.metropolitanhousing.org.



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