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Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2014

Mayor Bill Dieruf, JCLC President, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00PM in the 2nd floor Community Room of Central Bank/Hurstbourne, 9300 Shelbyville Road. He opened the meeting for introductions by attendees.

Reports: Mayor Dieruf called on the following for reports:

- 1. Kentucky League of Cities:** Marty Nemes reported on the upcoming City Officials Academy, May 7-9, 2014 in Owensboro, Ky. and information is available from him. He reminded attendees of the 2014 KLC Convention in Louisville this Fall.
- 2. Governor's Office:** Bill Herron of the Office for Local Government reported on the passage of the bill to reclassify all cities in Kentucky into two classes. It will go in to effect on July 15, 2014. City legal authority will still be based on city population.
- 3. Mayor Greg Fischer's Office:** Lisa Massey of Mayor Fischer's office gave a report on the Mayor's 2014 legislative agenda, the constitutional amendment for a local option sales tax and the issue of local vacant and abandoned property.
- 4. Ecotech:** Bryon Slade of Ecotech reported on the number of cities that received trees from Ecotech via their attendance at the 2013 JCLC Annual Dinner. Ecotech is pleased with this program and pledged to provide this contribution to JCLC in 2014. Mayor Dieruf thanked Ecotech for their support of cities through the dinner.

JCLC Issues: Reports:

- 1. Metro Plastic Bag Ban:** Mayor Mary Rose Evans and Jack Will, JCLC Exec. Dir., reported on this proposal by the Lou.-Jeff. Co. Waste Management District and a meeting that they attended about it. Jack outlined the ban regulations. The ban would apply to all of Jefferson Co. and the proposed tentative implementation date is Oct. 1, '14. The WMD is accepting written comments through April 30 and will host a public meeting on May 6 at 5:30PM at the offices of MSD. A significant number of city officials in attendance were not aware of the WMD, its authority and this proposed resolution. Discussion followed on it with a consensus for the JCLC Board to connect with WMD officials on behalf of cities.
- 2. City Reclassification & Annexation:** Mayor Dieruf reported on the role of JCLC and KLC in the drafting of the Kentucky legislation on the reclassification of cities in Kentucky. The JCLC Board was in support of it and do not believe it will bring any harm to cities. He reported on meetings regarding annexation in Jefferson County with the Metro Council Ad Hoc Committee on Annexation, Councilman Kelly Downard, Chair. The JCLC Board is submitting recommendations on the policies and procedures for annexation that will be in a resolution by the Ad Hoc Committee to the Metro Council.

Mayor Dieruf and Board members will appear before the Ad Hoc Committee on this issue. He urged city officials to contact JCLC for guidance if their city is considering annexation of neighboring residential or industrial areas.

JCLC Minutes/Treasurer's Report: Mayor Dieruf referred attendees to the Minutes and Treasurer's reports that are at their seats. The meeting accepted these reports as presented.

JCLC April Program: Cities & Transportation Planning.

Mayor Dieruf introduced Patti Clare, Deputy Director, Louisville Metro Economic Growth and Innovation Officer. She thanked the JCLC for the opportunity to present a transportation plan draft for Jefferson County by MOVE Louisville. The plan is being financed by the U. S. Dept. of Transportation, TARC and MOVE Louisville. It will merge into a similar plan being developed by KIPDA. MOVE Louisville is focused in this plan on how do citizens of Jefferson County want to live, work and play in the future. The plan will recommend policy and the cost for transportation planning. She introduced the MOVE Louisville consultant, Paul Moore with Nelson Nynard, whose firm is driving the design of this plan.

Paul gave background on his firm and various cities were they have designed similar plans. The goal of the plan is to recommend how to reduce the dependency and extent of travel in Jefferson County Households. Jefferson County currently spend one-fifth of their income on transportation. Cities in the early 20th century are crowded, dangerous, dirty and unhealthy, thus, people desired to escape the urban core and its problems. The highway system was developed after WWII and the suburbs were created. Cities designed themselves around access to products. Growth in domestic products parallels transportation growth.

MOVE Louisville has utilized the Vision Louisville components of Connectivity, Sustainability, Healthy Living and a Vibrant Economy into their planning. The Transportation Planning process has flowed in the following phases, Discovery; Desire; Design; Documentation; Goals; Workshop Input. Jefferson County growth projection is 150,000 new people in the next 25 years and they will live mainly in the outer suburban rim of Jefferson County Community officials must design smart growth to accommodate them. Mr. Moore presented a slide show on a coordinated truck system, addressing current or future congested roads/streets, and various examples of improved roads, neighborhoods in St. Matthews, Jeffersontown, Middletown and the Shelbyville Road, Taylorsville Road, Bardstown Road, Dixie Highway areas.

The plan will enhance the use of premium transit, light rail, electric bus/street car, PARC & Ride as well as more convenient access for bikes and walking. The attendees interacted with Mr. Moore through questions and answers.

Mayor Dieruf thanked the presenters and meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mayor David Brown, Secretary**