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Monthly Member Mtg. *May 18, 2017
Minutes

Mayor Mary Rose Evans, JCLC Vice-President, opened the JCLC May Monthly Member Meeting at 7:00PM, City of Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Mayor Evans welcomed everyone and opened the floor for self introductions and announcements.

She introduced Jennifer Craig, Aging and Disability Resource Coordinator, for the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), for a report. Ms. Craig reported on an upcoming Fan Fair sponsored by KIPDA, her department and WLKY. It is a fan giveaway, health checks, resource fair and prescription drug toss 'Take Back Event' on June 24, 2017, 8:00AM-11:00AM, The Edison Center, 701 West Ormsby. She welcomed donations from the cities and encouraged them to announce this initiative within their cities.

Chandra Gordon, Exec. Dir., The Library Foundation and Jim Blanton, Director, Louisville Free Public Library were introduced by Jack Will, Exec. Dir., for a presentation on the newly proposed Northeast Regional Library within the City of Lyndon.

Ms. Gordon reviewed the mission of Friends of the Library and encouraged all to join. She distributed various newsletters outlining upcoming summer events and programs at the Main Branch and various suburban branches. This new library will be off LaGrange Road near Whipps Mill Road and the YMCA. This regional library will complete the development of the Southwest Regional Library, South Central Regional Library all of which compliment the Main Library at 2nd and York Streets. She showed a power point presentation of the new facilities and type of services it will provide consumers and the community. She invited cities to consider using it for their meetings. She reviewed the current fund development plan components, meeting the need, setting the standard, features, vision and a world class library.

Jim Blanton gave an overview of the Louisville Free Public Library mission and its program services through 18 locations. LFPL was the recipient of the National Library Aware Award presented by the Library Journal for community outreach. He reviewed the 2018 Master Facility Plan. Ms. Gordon and Mr. Blanton engaged in questions and answers.

Jack Will introduced Ms. Steph Horne, a member of the Jefferson County School Board. Jack reported that the JCLC Board and he have had several meetings with her on how to connect and engage the cities more closely with the schools in or near their city. Ms. Horne has 50 cities within her district.

Ms. Horne thanked JCLC for the opportunity to speak to the City Mayors and representatives. She is a proponent of transparency within the administration of the schools and its JCPS budget.

She outlined some severe problems facing schools in Eastern Jefferson County, such as overcrowding at Crosley Middle in the City of Douglass Hills, that need to be addressed. The JCPS budget and its programs should be of interest to City officials and she will be creating a newsletter that will go out to them and other community officials. JCPS currently has a \$5.1million budget.

She is received a public school education as well as her children. She had been very involved within her children's schools when she decided to run for school board. She wants to strive to improve education within Jefferson County. She works closely with the cities in her district and she makes an effort to meet with all of them. She has learned that a significant amount of JCPS policy is driven by state regulations. She encourages citizen and teacher input to evaluate these regulations.

She has the following goals: leadership, develop a new Vision 2020 Strategic Plan; set high expectations with a focus on early childhood education; accountability within JCPS Central Office and schools; create community finance committee to assist in budget review and development; and creating a sense of team on the Jefferson County School Board as it moves forward. She would like to see state legislation to add two at large members to the Board so as to encourage thinking beyond a members own district. She emphasized that the quality of our education system will have a long term affect on the quality of life in our cities and entire community.

Ms. Horne engaged in a lengthy question and answer period with the attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor David Brown, Secretary