

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES**

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### **October Monthly Member Meeting Minutes**

The Jefferson County League of Cities October 16, 2014 Monthly Meeting was opened at 7:00PM, Central Bank/Hurstbourne, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Community Room, 9300 Shelbyville Road by JCLC President, Mayor Bill Dieruf, City of Jeffersontown.

He called for introductions of attendees.

He recognized the following individuals for reports:

- Marty Nemes, Kentucky League of Cities: Marty reported on the 2014 KLC Annual Convention held in October in Louisville and thanked Mayor Dieruf for his participation and those cities in Jefferson County that attended. The 2015 Conference will be in Owensboro, Kentucky.
- Colleen Younger, Jefferson County PVA Office: Colleen reported on the services to cities provided by the PVA office and encouraged Mayors or City officials to call on her if the office can be of assistance.
- Mayor Dieruf recognized and called upon Metro Council President, Jim King. Councilman King complimented Mayor Dieruf for his leadership of JCLC and working with appropriate Metro Council Committees, such as the Annexation Ad-hoc Committee, on issues of mutual interest to Suburban Cities and Jefferson County. He reported that the Metro Council is continually reviewing the guidelines it developed for neighborhoods to follow in requesting annexation by a city adjacent to it and submission of that request by a city to the Metro Council. The Metro Council is concerned by the loss of revenue to Metro Council as a result of annexation and impact on delivery of services to the entire county. The shift in the insurance premium tax receipts to the Suburban City because of annexation is one of these finance areas. The Metro Council will continue to work with JCLC and Cities in defining a reasonable way to address this issue and its affect on the entire county. Mayor Dieruf thanked Councilman King for his leadership and pledged to work closely with the Council on this and other issues of mutual interest.

Mayor Dieruf reviewed the guidelines for submission of an annexation request by a City to the Metro Council. He covered recent proposals within the City of Middletown and City of Jeffersontown that were presently being submitted. He stated that the JCLC Board is available for assistance to cities who are entering into an annexation request.

- The following candidates for office were introduced and given time for brief remarks, Judicial candidates, Katie King; Eric Haner; Jennifer Leibson; Anne Schvonnie-Dyke; Nicole Taylor Compton; Metro Council candidate Bill Holligan.

- Mayor Dieruf reported on two JCLC programs: host of the pre legislative county meeting of the Jefferson Co. Legislative Delegation, October 23, 2014, 6PM; JCLC Annual Dinner, December 4, 2014, 6PM, both at the Jeffersontown Community Center.
- Mayor Dieruf introduced the October meeting program of Safety and Security in Cities: Issues and Strategies. He introduced Anthony Smith, Director for Safe Neighborhoods, Office of the Metro Mayor and Chief Rick Sanders, City of Jeffersontown Police Department and President of the Kentucky State Chief's Association.
- Anthony Smith distributed and reviewed the 'Blueprint for Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods' developed from the recommendations of Mayor Fischer's West Louisville Work Group for the Prevention of Violence. He thanked Jack Will for his participation on this Work Group. The Blueprint lays out a multi-year plan that will be implemented in phases. Phase One is Moving Louisville to Action. The work will engage key community leaders and foster innovative partnerships for the identification, creation and modification of programming to meet the changing needs of our community. The work has a citywide scope.

He reviewed the overall objective of this initiative which is to see a dramatic reduction in violent crimes in Louisville Metro. He reviewed and discussed through questions and answers the following areas: Community & Family Building; Education; Employment and Economic Development; Health and Social Welfare; and Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

- Chief Rick Sanders thanked JCLC for the opportunity to meet with them. He reviewed his forty year career in law enforcement which includes service on the Jefferson County Police Department and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Chief Sanders covered his passion for his work and the professional philosophy which guides his leadership of the Jeffersontown Police Department and the Kentucky State Chief's Association.

He covered the following areas within law enforcement intermixed with questions and answers from attendees: changing community environment; cultural dynamics of neighborhoods; issue of demilitarization of police departments; types of equipment necessary for effective police work; utilization of body cameras for police officers. He stressed the community oriented policing philosophy and program.

He covered the need for specific police and community leader training in identifying the problem that is a lead cause of violence. It is usually similar but different from neighborhood to neighborhood. Police Dept. leadership must constantly strive for respect and integrity within the community. Police are dealing with a more difficult environment today than in the past. He encouraged the Mayors to prioritize what is important for the security of your city, how to pay for it while working smarter and more effectively.

Mayor Dieruf thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor David Brown, Secretary