



The City of Lorain

200 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052

Fair Housing Board Meeting Thursday, September 17th at 4:00pm

I. Meeting Call to Order, **4:05p**

II. Roll Call

Martin Leibas, Teresa Yuzon, Rhoda Lee, Dennis Johnson, Sylvia DuVall, Jean Wrice, Yvonne Johnson. **All Members Present**

III. **4:00pm: Guest Speaker, Homer Virden**
Executive Director, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority

- Homer provide a history of subsidized housing in Lorain.
- About 65% of housing vouchers in Lorain County are located in the City of Lorain
- 3,000+ housing vouchers in the county

Mission is to provide safe, decent, affordable housing. 25% of population in Lorain is Hispanic, 17-18% African-American. Median Income \$26,227.

- 42% of housing is rentals in Lorain. Major demand for housing vouchers.
- 20 people leave the Housing Voucher program each month
- 300 vouchers issued per year
- Transportation is a problem

IV. **4:30pm: Guest Presentation: Housing Study, Kirby Date**
Community Planning Program Manager
Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs
Cleveland State University

Presentation was give on Fair Housing impediments and obstacles in Lorain. This is required to be done every five (5) years by HUD. Summarized data of protected classes. Key findings were the continued poverty rate in Lorain and a long history of discrimination. Findings were presented.

*A public presentation will occur on the finding of this study, and the fair housing impediments study. Information will be made public.

V. **Approval of minutes from August 20th, 2020 meeting**

Move to approve minutes by Johnson, second by Lee. Minutes approved unanimously.

VI. Adjournment at 5:17p

Remaining 2020 meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month:

October 15th, November 19th, and likely December 17th