

OVER THE RHINE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2015 – 2017 OTRCC Board of Trustees Nomination Form

Your name: Robert Sehlhorst

The OTRCC Board of Trustees provides leadership to the community council; plans OTRCC meetings and events; attends to OTRCC business between meetings; assures that finances are managed appropriately; works with the City of Cincinnati, OTR organizations and other community councils; and other organizations as needed or required. Trustees may represent the OTRCC to the public

Trustees are elected for a two-year term. The board of trustees elects the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from their members. Trustees are expected to attend all board and community council meetings and manage and/or volunteer for OTRCC projects. All trustees are expected to be familiar with the by-laws and hold each other accountable to fulfill their duties and responsibilities. Unexcused absences result in removal from office (By-Laws IV-7).

What gifts/skills will you bring to the board of trustees?

Over the last two-year term, I have served as a trustee, vice president and currently I serve as your president of the OTR CC. I am a member of the Rothenberg Elementary School LSDMC and I also serve as a tour guide for the OTR Brewery District and St Mary's Church. I also operate a small business in the community called OTR Metropolis.

As a former teacher, coach, principal and Assistant Superintendent of the Oak Hills Local School District I bring an educator's perspective to helping to improve the OTR community for all residents. I have a working knowledge of working with budgets, governmental departments and a variety of communication skills that enable me to engage residents and make certain that the OTR CC is a place where the voices of all residents can be heard.

What are some things that you would like to work on and to see happen during your term as a trustee?

As a trustee, I would like to work with residents and city departments to clean up the trash, blight and graffiti. While great improvements have been made, there is a great deal of work that needs to be done. Too many streets and alleys of OTR are covered with trash and there has been an alarming increase in graffiti defacing our historic buildings.

In addition to cleaning up the neighborhood I am excited in helping to organize the OTR CC Job Fair. More than an event, we hope to serve as a link between residents and employers.

Your contact information:

Address: 1302 Main St. OTR resident? (circle one) Yes N

Telephone number: 513-309-3471 Number of years OTRCC member: 4

Thank you for your interest in the OTRCC Board of Trustees.

By-Laws of the Over-the-Rhine Community Councils, Inc.
Amended and Approved July 30, 2012

Article IV. Board of Trustees

Article IV-1. The thirteen trustees of the community council shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and nine at-large trustees. These officers and trustees shall form the board of trustees and perform the duties prescribed in these by-laws.

Article IV-2. The board of trustees will conduct emergency business of the community council between meetings of the members. A quorum shall consist of seven trustees in attendance at any meeting.

Article IV-3. The membership, by majority vote, may grant additional decision-making power to the board of trustees or revoke any decision-making power from the board of trustees.

Article IV-4. All actions taken by the board of trustees will be submitted to the membership for ratification no later than the next regular member meeting.

Article IV-5. No member may hold more than one office at the same time. Effective April 25, 2011, no member may serve more than three consecutive terms as a trustee.

Article IV-6. The board of trustees will, at all times, be subject to the decisions of the membership and none of the board's actions shall conflict with any actions taken by the membership.

Article IV-7. Trustees shall attend all board meetings. Unexcused absences from four board meetings per two-year term will result in removal from office.

Article IV-8. Any five members may petition to have any officer or trustee recalled for cause. Once the secretary receives written notice listing the grievances, written notice shall be given to the membership at least fourteen days prior to the next regular meeting, and the recall petition shall become the first order of business at that regular meeting. Members may recall a sitting officer by a two-thirds majority vote, after due deliberation, at the next regular meeting.