Over-The-Rhine Community Council Adopt A Block

The Public Services and Safety Committee is prepared to initiate the OTR Adopt A Block Program pending approval from membership. The overarching goal of this program is to organize community residents as volunteers to work with city departments to reduce trash, graffiti, blight, and improve safety. We plan to encourage residents to become Block Captains and Co-Captains of their respective streets and blocks to organize their neighbors to address those problems. Block Captains will be required to attend brief training sessions to in turn train their neighbors.

We plan to divide the 362 acres of OTR into streets and blocks and solicit community residents to volunteer and serve as Block Captains. These Block Captains will develop a communication with their neighbors and with city departments. The goal is for neighbors to get together, communicate, and work with city departments to solve problems on their blocks and streets. Adopt A Block is partnering with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, CPD, and Department of Public Services.

Listed below are the responsibilities of Block Captains.

Communication
Serve as a contact between neighbors and various city departments
Outreach to block neighbors
Organize communication with neighbors
Help to organize clean-ups and projects as needed.
Brief monthly reporting
Help to communicate with city departments in solving problems

Training
Attend training sessions with Public Services and CPD
Help to train neighbors in use of city apps like Fix It Cincy, etc.

Safety
Work with neighbors to help improve safety conditions in their blocks
Much of this work will involve communication with neighbors.