



OTRCC Board of Trustees Nomination Form

Your name: **CARISSA BARNARD**

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?

Leadership. Community Engagement. Commitment. Non-profit organization management. Enthusiasm.

- Highly organized and detail-minded individual responsible for budget management, logistics, and team management of successful charitable arts organizations over 15 years.
- Founding member of the Friends of the Grant Park OTR group. Launched an annual family-friendly event at Grant Park with beautification efforts, free food, music and art-making activities; supported promotional efforts and partnerships.
- New resident with passion and optimism, coupled with a thoughtful and considered approach to problem solving.
- Responsible for community engagement initiatives for the arts in the downtown and OTR community for 15 years.
- Commitment to the diversity of the OTR neighborhood and efforts to make it a friendly and safer neighborhood for all of its residents and visitors.
- Involved with non-profit boards for over 15 years.
- Committee member on OTR ED&HC.
- Participant in Safety Sector Meetings.

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

- Continue to increase engagement and awareness from the OTR community residents in the actions and activities of the OTRCC.
- Represent the OTR community as a diverse population with unique perspectives.
- Champion efforts to increase the safety in all of the OTR neighborhoods for all of the residents and visitors.
- Improve perception and structure of the OTRCC review process to develop a more positive and collaborative experience with partners.
- Protect the historic and diverse character and charm of OTR's residents and its architecture.
- Activate the social media platform of the OTRCC with resources, activities, and activities for its residents.

Your contact information: Carissa Barnard

Address: 207 E Clifton Avenue

OTR resident? (circle one) **Yes**

Telephone number: 513.307.7946

Number of years OTRCC member: 2 years

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.