

	OTRCC 2019 – 2021 Priorities	
Top three things I like about OTR		
1.	2.	3.
Top three things to improve in OTR		
1.	2.	3.
Top three priorities for OTRCC in next two years.		
1.	2.	3.

Please bring your answers to the August 26 OTRCC meeting.

Introduction

Welcome neighbors,

Two years ago we went through a process to identify priorities for the Over-the-Rhine Community Council (OTRCC). Another result was the creation of five committees to work on those priorities and other issues that would come up during the last 24 months. It's time to update the priorities, strategies and assignments.

To do that, we will review the work from two years ago and use that as a departure point for creating our 2019 – 2021 work program. That work will begin at our August 26 OTRCC meeting. In the meantime, please review the materials below. Included are the newly established committees' priorities and lists of things that OTR residents like, things to improve and things that are priorities for OTRCC to work on.

Steps in the Priority-Setting Process

Next month we will work at table groups to discuss your answers to the questions about what you like, your want to improve and OTRCC priorities. To refresh your memory the 2017 answers are below. If you want to borrow answers from those lists, please do so by entering them in the 2019 answer sheet...please remember to bring your answer sheet to the August 26 meeting.

At that meeting, we will share our three highest-priority answers with our table mates. We will have 30 minutes for this exercise, so it will be fast-paced. Hint: the more homework you do, the faster the sharing will go, especially if you remember to bring your answer sheet with you. There will be three segments of eight minutes each. At the end, we will collect and tabulate the answers for our report at the September 23 meeting.

2017 – 2019 OTRCC Committees and Workprogram Priorities

Committee Names	Trustees	Comments / Suggestions / Actions / Goals /
<p>1. Parking and Transportation</p> <p>(includes Bicycling, Transportation, and Complete Streets)</p>	Stefan	<p>Rhinegeist parking on Elm; Integrated into high density neigh; policy and city study; reduce parking; residential parking (4); more structures; better manage existing spaces(2); better enforcement;</p> <p>More racks (2); enforce rules for Red Bikers et al.; more bike “friendly; more and better lanes; remove Central Pkwy. lanes;</p> <p>More streetcar runs;</p> <p>Widen Liberty sidewalks;</p>
<p>2. Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>(includes Affordable Housing)</p>	Julie, Key and Stefan	<p>Jobs policy for OTR businesses; balance business and resident needs; don’t over develop; Imagination Alley position; Republic St. land sale position; anti-resident developments; neighborhood service businesses for residents; infill vacant and restore blighted; higher density; jobs for residents; more black-owned businesses; reduce 3CDC influence; make OTR a model for Cincinnati; preserve architecture (3); better protection for historic character;</p> <p>Economically integrated neighborhood; city affordability policy and financing; service class; protect existing (2); add more new parking(3);</p>
<p>3. Organizational Structure and Operations</p>	Danny (chair) and Amy	<p>By-laws review; outreach; increase (2); better relations; increase African-American members; use committees; use email to get input before meetings;</p> <p>NSP projects (3); Kids’ supplies and backpacks; back-to-school family sponsorship; programs for youth and teens; Racial Equity Institute training;</p>
<p>4. Public Services and Safety</p>	Bob (chair) and Mike	<p>More police and ambassadors; ADA compliance for building and sidewalks (3);</p> <p>=Trash and litter; Change pickup day (e.g. Main); improve cleanliness; clean all streets; litter cleanup (based upon “broken window theory”);</p>

5. Outreach and Engagement	Key and Walter	External relations; city hall (2); post riot; increase community events and impacts (OTR Community Festival; National Night Out; Halloween parade, etc.); voter education for 2017 election;
The topics and comments in the rows below have not yet been combined into the above five committees		
Food		Extend Findlay Market hours; create an OTR food co-op;
More green spaces		Create beautification brigades
Enforce city planning goals		
Displacement/gentrification		
Homeless people		Better resources;
Cooperative Neighborhood agreement		Make more fair and equitable;
Extend YMCA hours		
Senior citizens		Get seniors to use common spaces more;
Youth engagement		

Things I like about OTR		
Art and architecture	Diversity of people, incomes, etc.	Transportation alternatives
Accessibility to transportation and downtown services	Diversity of people and races	The OTR “vibe”
Work/live culture on OTR	Walkability/accessibility of food, culture, shops	Arts engagement
Accessibility and convenience	Availability of a variety of choices	Ease of travel by walking or biking
Architecture	People—old and new	Location, location, location
Holtman’s Donut Shop	OTRCC	Diversity in people, businesses, culture, etc
Walkable	The arts	Diversity
Watching weekday park events	Walking distance/close proximity	Different folk from different walks of life
Streets	Buildings	Parks

Street car	Variety of businesses, breweries, restaurants, bars	Close proximity of everything and neighborhood
The people	Uniqueness of buildings	Findlay Market
The neighbors and people in community	Rothenberg public school	Public spaces/parks, alleyways, pocket parks
Findlay Market	YMCA	Synergy of architecture and people
Friendliness of longtime neighbors	Findlay Market	Tuckers; walkability; bus lines
Determination of our people	Cultural diversity	Walkable neighborhood
Findlay Market	Activities in Washington Park	Walkability and architecture
Diversity	Vibrancy	Proximity
People; neighborhood (buildings, churches, school, market, parks)	Walkable, friendly	Close to downtown and river
Feeling of community; happiness of the people	Diversity/different types of people within the city	Much more kid-friendly
Workout in the park	Buddy's Place	CRCs
Neighborliness of long-time residents	People hanging out on stoops, sidewalks, grilling out, etc	People supporting each other; bars and restaurants
Things I would like to improve OTR		
Parking for employees and customers	Slow down speeding cars	Install more crosswalks
Parking rates, graffiti/taffing, trash, parking tickets	Shorter OTRCC meetings	Better options for mobility for all
Parking	Transportation	
More bike-friendly/safety	More trash cans/litter education/add recycling cans	Crime rates (drugs, vandalism, violence)
Change trash pickup day—too much trash on the sidewalk on weekends	Make Liberty sidewalks ADA compliant	
Parking accessibility, parking policy, parking garages	Longer and more in-depth OTRCC meetings	More infill buildings with creative designs
More resident parking	Opinions	Affordable housing
Defend and improve affordable housing	Enforce property owners' responsibilities	Parking
OTRCC	Affordable housing	Parking supply and plan
Safety	Litter	Communication among various sub-communities

More parking for residents and visitors	Affordable housing and homeownership for lower income	3CDC should have housing ownership for field workers instead of renting
Clean up litter	Rehab vacant buildings and infill buildings on vacant lots	Liberty Street narrowing safety improvement
Transportation for homeless to shelters and accessibility	Cleanliness/litter clean up	Residential parking passes
Parking for residents	Green spaces	OTR Rec Center
OTRCC should advocate/champion for affordable housing	Parking study and plan	More community engagement especially at OTRCC meetings
More police presence at open-air drug and prostitution markets	More decentralized grocery choices (through Joe's?)	Residential parking permits
Disallow the drunken pedal-mobiles	Cut back on outside eating areas on the public sidewalk that make it hard to get by	Disallow Segways on the sidewalks; put them in the street
More neighborhood-serving businesses (with affordable price points)	Protection of public parks like Imagination Alley	Respect for differences
How can we decrease the amount of litter on our streets?	Rampant open-air drug dealing	Street lighting on some blocks is inadequate
Diversity (more than black and white) and integration (social and income)	Safety/Cleanliness	Affordability
Parks—let's keep them and beautify them	Parking program for residents	
Clean-up efforts fairly around the neighborhood	Let's not ? (app friendly)	
Usable park	ADA compliance of buildings and wider streets, sidewalks	Youth programs
More affordable (low income) housing	No displacement	Commercial spaces for people with low incomes who live here—not tourists
Things that are priorities for OTRCC		
Protect service worker housing	Add/increase events impactwide appeal (OTR Festival, safety event)	Public transportation
Change trash pickup from Mondays because it's put out on Saturday	Widen sidewalks on outside of Liberty	Move "bike friendly"

Overcome affordable housing challenges in an economically integrated neighborhood	Integrate parking in a high density neighborhood	Balance resident needs and business needs
Get more OTRCC members involved consistently/better relationship with members	Housing	Parking
Enforce city planning goals	Resist over-development	Improve cleanliness
Parking study and city policy	Imagination Alley and Republic Street land sale	Increase African-American membership and involvement in OTRCC
Parking	Community relations with city hall	Neighborhood post ryot
More cooperation with city government	Work on affordable housing policy with city government	
Protect affordability of living for all classes	More bicycle racks and awareness for bike safety laws for Red Bikers and regular cyclists	More police and ambassadors to keep streets safe
People being displaced/relocated	Protect the culture	Disenfranchised individuals
Adopt policy prohibiting tax abatements for properties without low-income housing	Adopt policy against displacement and gentrification	Support for local affordable housing trust fund
Displacement of residents	Anti-resident development/ADA compliance	Bike racks
Use NSP to donate school supplies, back packs and swimsuits	Christmas in July	Back-to-school family sponsorship
ADA compliance for sidewalks and buildings	Bicycle friendly	Clean up on all streets
Too much parking	Programs for youth and teens	ADA accessible
ORTCC—committees!	Parking	Preserve architecture
Litter clean up (broken window theory)	Better resources for the homeless	More green spaces
Protect affordable housing	Residential parking	Expand membership to OTRCC
Improve bicycle safety (more and better bike lanes)	Improve parking situation for OTR residents	More affordable housing
Longer hours at the YMCA	Use email, etc. to solicit information before OTRCC meetings	Residential parking permits
Affordable housing as a priority	Supporting diversity and range of experiences within this neighborhood	Neighborhood-serving businesses