
OTRCC Committee on Housing Opportunity

The first meeting of the Committee occurred 4:00-4:45pm, Wednesday, October 7 on Zoom.

The Committee's three members, not counting *ex officio* member, President Chris Gerke, were present.

We began by introducing ourselves to each other.

Next we discussed the scope of our data inquiry. The sense of the group is that we want to gather as wide a scope of data as is practicable, including historical data on changes in housing in OTR. We will attempt to gather data on numbers of owner-occupied units as well as rental units, over the past several decades, with changes in rent rates and owner-occupied property values. We will correlate these data with household income data available for OTR residents and their changes over the same period of decades. The aim is to chart how changes over time in housing in OTR have affected the ability of OTR residents to continue to live in OTR.

Third, we briefly discussed the relation between Cincy Metro AMI and OTR AMI and the fact that 30% of Cincy Metro AMI is approximately the Federal Poverty Level (the threshold between "extremely low-income" and "very low-income"), and 50% of Cincy Metro AMI is the level below which CMHA finds residents eligible for Section 8 vouchers (the threshold between "very low-income" and "low-income").

Fourth, we reviewed the use of the Hamilton County Auditor's GIS map for searching property ownership and values, all of which are public records. See: <https://cagis.hamilton-co.org/cagisonline/> .

Finally, we each chose a part of our work on which to begin, between our October 7 meeting and our November 4 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Reed
Chair