



### **Board Slate – 3 year term**

#### **Deqah Hussein-Wetzel - CUF**

Deqah is an architectural historian at Gray & Pape, Inc., a cultural heritage consulting firm in Over-the-Rhine (OTR). She received her Bachelor's in Urban Planning from the University of Cincinnati and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from the University of Oregon. Deqah was involved in authoring the *Youth* section of the *2012 Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan* and has completed a myriad of affordable housing Historic Tax Credit projects in OTR. She is an active member of her community and is involved with West McMicken Improvement Association, Merchants on Main Street organization, Cincinnati Preservation Association, and local community steering committees.

#### **Keith Blake – West End**

Keith is an IT systems professional with over 30 years' experience in development, administration and support of solutions for international companies. A former member of the USN Reserves, he is a father of three (all attended CPS), and has been a resident of the West End for 30 years. Keith is a long time community volunteer, including CPD COPP, and has received Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's 5 Star Volunteer Award. Keith volunteered with Invest for several years and served on the Board of Invest in Neighborhoods as a Board Appointment from 2017-2018. He recently completed his term as President of the West End Community Council.

#### **Dan Bennie - Oakley**

Dan is a partner of Barron Peck Bennie & Schlemmer Co., LPA. He has extensive experience in the representation of real estate developers and entrepreneurs, builders, condominium and community associations, financial institutions and investors in real estate. Dan advises entrepreneurial clients on a wide variety of legal matters that frequently arise with business owners, investors, and their families. Dan is the vice president of Central Land Title Agency, a fully owned subsidiary of Barron Peck Bennie & Schlemmer Co., LPA. Dan is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, and the Oakley Community Council where he served on the Board of Trustees and was chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. He has served on the Board of Invest in Neighborhoods for one term.

### **Board Appointment**

#### **Samantha Reeves – Camp Washington**

Samantha is called to empower neighborhoods through community development. A native Cincinnati and first-generation college student, Samantha came to articulate her passion for community at UC's College of DAAP. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Urban Studies and a Master's of Community Planning. While in school, Samantha worked at Homebase and interned at the City of Cincinnati and 3CDC. Employment after graduation included Working In Neighborhoods and Habitat for Humanity of Durham, North Carolina. Currently, Samantha serves as the Director of Real Estate and Economic Development at Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation. She has six years of experience in community, housing, and economic development.