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## Agenda

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| <b>8:00 – 8:30</b>   | <b>Introduction and Welcome</b><br><br>Elizabeth Bartley, Invest in Neighborhoods<br>Iranetta Wright, Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools |
| <b>8:30 – 9:00</b>   | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br><br>Mayor Aftab Pureval   |
| <b>9:10 – 10:35</b>  | <b>Concurrent Sessions</b>  |
| <b>10:40 – 11:05</b> | <b>CPS Student Performance:</b> My Nose Turns Red   |
| <b>11:10 – 11:50</b> | <b>City Committees: Policy Pitch</b>  |
| <b>11:55 – 12:25</b> | <b>CPS Student Performance:</b> CPS Elementary Jazz Academy Group   |
| <b>12:30 – 12:50</b> | <b>Awards Ceremony</b><br><i>Join us for:</i><br>Councilmember Jan-Michelle Kearney announcing the<br>2022 Neighborhood Summit Community Awards |
| <b>12:55 – 1:35</b>  | <b>Meet the new City Council: Speed dating</b>  |
| <b>1:40 – 2:05</b>   | <b>CPS Student Performance:</b> Gamble Dance Team   |
| <b>2:10 – 3:35</b>   | <b>Concurrent Sessions</b>  |





## Program

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:10-9:50

*Main Stage*

#### **How To Effectively Engage Young People In Your Neighborhood**

**Dr. Tynisha Worthy & Shawn Jeffers, Youth At The Center**

Most of us grew up hearing the phrase "Children should be seen and not heard". In this workshop, we want to flip that adage on its head and ensure our young people are seen, heard, and valued. In this workshop, we will explore common assumptions adults might hold about youth (and youth might hold about grown folks) and develop aspirations for young people in our neighborhoods. We will also present a framework to assess your community's readiness to effectively engage young people.

*Media Center*

#### **Safe and Clean Grant Program**

**Virginia Tallent, Director of the Office of Human Services; Angela Wright, Assistant to the City Manager**

Overview of Safe & Clean program, examples of past projects and their impact, SARA/CPOP training for Community Councils, information on status of application process

*Lab 2D218*

#### **Neighbors Know Best: Building Leadership and Entrepreneurship**

**Kate Greene, College Hill CURC; Erika Standifer, Set the Vibe; Leslie Rich; ioby Cincinnati**

This session will highlight two community-driven initiatives in the Greater Cincinnati region launched in the throes of the COVID19 Pandemic that both confront and overcome the lack of resources and the risk associated with starting a project, program, or business. OurShop College Hill is a response to declining retail due to the COVID19 pandemic and a desire to understand more about creating a successful environment for small businesses to thrive within a neighborhood. OurShop offered 5 businesses a chance to have a rent-free brick and mortar presence in College Hill with business mentorship and events/placemaking support. ioby Cincinnati: ioby launched their Cincinnati office during the very beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic in April 2020. Since then neighborhood leaders in the region have raised nearly \$250,000 to support projects in their backyards. Through our free fundraising curriculum and personalized coaching, ioby walks with deep roots and grass roots leaders to support them in crowd resourcing.

*Lab 2D219*

#### **Cincinnati Public Schools: Leading Through Partnerships**

**Sauna Murphy, CPS, Assistant Superintendent**

Highlighting partners: Northside Community Council, Green Umbrella, Cincinnati Health Department, ABC, YMCA, CRC, CLCI

*MUS 2D204* **Personality of Place - A New Approach to Collaborative Development**  
**Kathryne Gardette, Walnut Hills Area Council; Daniella Beltran, YARD & Company**  
This session will summarize The Model Group's innovative development process of the multi-phase development of the former Kroger in Walnut Hills. YARD & Company was commissioned to develop a master plan in partnership with the Walnut Hills community. The process of developing the master plan utilized an engagement strategy that focused on four aspects of the 'Personality of Place' - design, form, management and experience.

*MUS 2D209* **Taking off the Invisibility Cloak**  
**Nancy Sullivan, Transformations CDC**  
Stories of difficulties, triumphs and contributions of immigrants and refugees in Cincinnati neighborhoods, with a focus on East Price Hill. Highlighting BASTA, soccer, ESL and myriad support systems.

**9:55 – 10:35**

*Main Stage* **Port Authority Overview and Its Increased Focus on Affordable Single Family Homeownership**  
**William Fischer, Deborah Robb, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority**  
The Port Authority's tools and programs can be confusing to understand and if you don't understand them it is difficult to know how they can help your community. The session's goals are twofold, 1) to explain the Port's programs and how to access them and 2) to reiterate what affordable housing is, that there is a range of housing types, then go in depth into how the Port is working on affordable single family homeownership.

*Media Center* **Time to Consider Form-Based Code for Your Neighborhood?**  
**Sean Suder, ZoneCo, Sara Sheets, CDF/Madisonville**  
The Form-Based Code Institute of Smart Growth America has just authored the first ever analysis of the impact of form-based codes on neighborhoods. Cincinnati's Madisonville neighborhood, a form-based code neighborhood, is compared with the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood, a non-form-based code neighborhood, in the report. This session will present the report and lead to a discussion of whether form-based code may be appropriate in other city neighborhoods.

*Lab 2D218* **Connecting the Dots: Building Safe, Clean, & Engaged Neighborhoods in Greater Cincinnati's 2nd Largest City**  
**Kathy Klink, 17 Strong Advisory Board Chair and former City Councilperson; Brandon Saurber, Director of Neighborhoods, City of Hamilton, Ohio**  
In 2016, Hamilton City Council formed the 17 Strong Advisory Board, named for Hamilton's seventeen neighborhoods. Since then, Council has empowered this 12-member board of residents with a \$50,000 annual budget with two primary tasks: 1.) create stronger connections and 2.) increase pride and a sense of place. Learn how this structure is connecting residents to information, resources, and each other to build a stronger, more resilient community.

*Lab 2D219* **Back to School: School-Centered Neighborhood Development as a Model for Building Equitable Communities**  
**Adelyn Hall, Tracy Power, Antonio Fernandez, Community Learning Center Institute; Maria Rivera, April Mueller, Learning Grove; Alpacino Beauchamp, Roberts Academy**  
Guided by the philosophy that the success of the school and the success of the neighborhood are inextricably linked, the Community Learning Center Institute

(CLCI) is an emerging leader in school-centered neighborhood development, whereby community revitalization focuses on improving academic outcomes for children by addressing variables that impact school performance. For this session, CLCI will lead a robust discussion with Roberts Community Learning Center on their work creating a community school that is responsive to the vision and needs of its school and neighborhood, with a particular focus on the importance of building alternative pathways to homeownership for Roberts families.

**MUS 2D204** **Responding to Youth Violence: Collaborations and Partnerships**  
**Iris Roley, Managers Advisory Group/CBUF; Sheryl Long, Assistant City Manager, City of Cincinnati**

**MUS 2D209** **Action Tank's Cincinnati Historic Preservation Action Plan**  
**Anne Steinert, Carlton Collins, Ioanna Paraskevopoulos, Jared Marsh**  
Over seven listening sessions in the Summer of 2021, Action Tank met with more than 100 Cincinnati residents to gather feedback on resident priorities, concerns, and hopes for historic preservation in the Queen City. This session will share preliminary findings and focus on identifying solutions to preservation challenges and begin mapping out timelines for implementing those solutions. We will also ask for interested residents to volunteer to be "champions" for key historic preservation priorities

**10:40 – 11:05** **Networking and student performance: My Nose Turns Red**

**11:10 – 11:50** **Policy Pitch**  
*Media Center* **Healthy Neighborhoods**  
*Lab 2D218* **Public Safety & Governance**  
*Lab 2D219* **Climate, Environment, & Infrastructure**  
*MUS 2D204* **Equitable Growth & Housing**

## LUNCH PROGRAM

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**12:30 – 12:50** **2022 Neighborhood Summit Community Awards: Councilmember Jan-Michelle Kearney**

**12:55 – 1:35** **Meet the new City Council – speed dating**

**1:40 – 2:05** **Networking and student performance: Gamble Dance Team**

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**2:10 – 2:50**  
*Main Stage* **Housing Our Future: An Update on Our Regional Housing Goals and Initiatives**  
**Sara Sheets, Cincinnati Development Fund; Liz Blume, Community Building Institute**  
Since Housing Our Future was published in May 2020, numerous initiatives and programs have been created or strengthened to improve Cincinnati's affordable housing crisis. Hear about our progress to-date on achieving many of the goals outlined in the report and learn more about the new Greater Cincinnati Affordable Housing Fund.

- Media Center* **Using Data to Make People's Lives Easier**  
**Kait Bell, City of Cincinnati Office of Performance and Data Analytics**  
**Chandra Yungbluth, City of Cincinnati Office of Constituent Affairs**  
Using Data and innovative practices the City is launching new and enhanced customer service tools. Get a sneak peek of what lies ahead and discover a myriad of data sets you can use to learn about the people and places that make up this city and your neighborhood.
- Lab 2D218* **Urban Champions Youth Council: Champions of Change**  
**Dorothy Smoot, Community Partnering Center**  
**Urban Champions, CPC's Youth Council**  
The Urban Champions Youth Council are students striving to make a difference in their neighborhoods. The Youth are tackling a variety of subjects as they learn to be community leaders with diverse backgrounds. The Urban Champions will showcase and discuss what they have accomplished and show how they can work in their neighborhood.
- Lab 2D219* **Maximizing the Opportunity for our Neighborhoods with Transit Oriented Development**  
**Pete Metz, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber; John Young, Urban Fast Forward; Debbie Dent, ULI**  
The passage of Issue 7 & implementation of Reinventing Metro will bring significant new investment in transit that will impact mobility and development in the City. A recent report by the Urban Land Institute, in partnership with the Cincinnati Chamber and City of Cincinnati, lays out recommendations for the City to create smart, equitable, sustainable transit oriented development policies along with recommendations to engage the neighborhoods and people where development occurs to ensure that we maximize the opportunity for our neighborhoods that new transit investments will bring to our community.
- MUS 2D204* **Community Empowerment + Successful Development: Elevating Community Voices to Improve Neighborhoods**  
**Ioanna Paraskevopoulos, Action Tank; Seth Walsh, CHCURC; Stefan Cornelis, GBBN Architects; Kim Starbuck, OTR-resident; Darin Hall, Civitas Development Group**  
Joined by a developer, a community development corporation, a community advocate, a city policy advocate, and an architect, this panel will host a conversation about how to elevate community voices and ensure that the new project in your neighborhood is something that can be celebrated and embraced by residents. Any new development is a complex process, and there are many roles to play. How can you, as a resident, contribute to the improvement of your neighborhood?
- MUS 2D209* **Utility Costs – A Hidden Story in Housing Affordability**  
**Molly Robertshaw, City of Cincinnati Office of Environment and Sustainability; Community leaders**  
As utility costs rise and local families feel the burden, the City and partners are concerned and are taking action. Learn about present efforts to increase energy efficiency and stabilize this part of the housing affordability puzzle. Help inform what the next phase of efforts can and should look like

**2:55 – 3:35**

*Main Stage*

**Continuing the Conversation on Community Engagement**

**Katherine Keough-Jurs, Alex Peppers, Samantha McLean, Dept. of City Planning & Engagement**

Join the City of Cincinnati as we continue the conversation on community engagement! This conversation will focus on existing community engagement efforts facilitated by the Department of City Planning & Engagement, including a new community engagement process introduced in 2021 for development projects; what we heard from community members during the “Community Conversations” and survey on community engagement in the Fall of 2021; and next steps for this conversation and the City’s community engagement plan.

*Media Center*

**Lick Run Greenway Ambassadors**

**Larry Falkin, MSD; Jim Casey, South Fairmount Community Council, Tanner Yess, Groundwork Ohio River Valley**

This panel discussion, presented jointly by the South Fairmount Community Council, Groundwork Ohio River Valley, and Metropolitan Sewer District, will explore the role of urban youth in enabling the Lick Run Greenway to achieve its purposes. MSD made the initial investment to create the Lick Run Greenway, but it takes the cooperative efforts of the community, led by the Ambassadors, for the Greenway to fulfill its goal of helping to raise up a struggling neighborhood and create neighborhood pride in South Fairmount.

*Lab 2D218*

**Community Councils: Collaboration and Collective Action**

This session will feature Community Council leaders discussing the ways our Community Councils have come together to work with each other and for each other to promote and create change in our neighborhoods

*Lab 2D219*

**Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) - Beyond the Funding**

**Rasheda Cromwell, GCF Community Strategies; Denisha Porter, All-in-Cincinnati; the Women’s Fund of Greater Cincinnati; Michael Coffey, GCF**

The purpose of this panel to present the diverse arms of GCF and its subsidiaries as a funder, a community partner, community-organizer, advocate, and researcher. Each speakers has a very different role within Greater Cincinnati Foundation, presenting the full breadth of what the organization stands for and how we can support community-based efforts

*MUS 2D204*

**The Arts Sparking Community Leadership, Unity and Empowerment**

**Toilynn O’Neal, ROMAC; Black Arts Speaks**

This session will look at how the arts help express a community's values and create an elevated sense of awareness for community members and visitors, showcase how the arts develop the next generation of leaders, promote and arouse creative energy, provide inspiration, self-expression, and out-of-the-box thinking, and discuss how art influences societal change opinions, instilling values and translating experiences

*MUS 2D209*

**The Silver Lining: Using COVID-19 As a Springboard**

**Seth Walsh, Kate Greene, and Jake Samad, College Hill CURC**

This session covers the College Hill CURC response to COVID-19 and the lessons learned on how to find the silver lining in a pandemic and how the pandemic has better positioned the College Hill CURC to achieve our mission. The session will cover our immediate response to the pandemic and how it strengthened our social fabric, how it provided a wakeup call to our work and allowed us to evolve as an

organization to better support the community, and how it has positioned the College Hill CURC for long term, sustainable success in the College Hill community

## All day throughout the event

### **Student Performances**

We made extra long breaks to network and so you can enjoy performances from some of the different schools

*Gymnasium floor*

### **Visit the Display Tables**

Check out all the organizations and people who work on supporting great neighborhoods: get information, ask questions, make connections

*Gymnasium Concourse*

**And take a few minutes to look at the display about the history of Woodward**



## Speakers

### **Iranetta Wright, Incoming Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools**

Ms. Wright is currently the Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Detroit Public Schools Community District, which serves 53,000 students and 7,200 employees. A Florida native, she served Duval County Public Schools for over 25 years as a teacher, assistant principal, middle and high school principal, regional superintendent, and ultimately in the role of Chief of Schools serving 117,000 students and 13,000 employees. Ms. Wright has been recognized as a City Year Champion of Education, United Negro College Fund Innovator in Education, a Woman of Excellence by the Michigan Chronicle and Chiefs for Change Future Chief. Ms. Wright was one of three finalists to emerge as a leading candidate through an extensive national search process shaped in large part by input from the community, students and employees.

### **Mayor Aftab Pureval**

*Mayor.Aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov*

Aftab Pureval is the 70<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Cincinnati. He was raised in Southwest, Ohio, the son of first-generation Americans. He is making history as Cincinnati's first Asian American mayor. As mayor, he is working to grow Cincinnati equitably across all 52 neighborhoods. He served as Hamilton County Clerk of Courts from 2016 to 2021 and was the first Democrat to hold this office in over 100 years. Mayor Aftab graduated from The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati for law school. He resides in Clifton with his wife, Whitney, and their son, Bodhi.

### **Virginia Tallent, Director of the Office of Human Services, City of Cincinnati**

### **Angela Wright, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Cincinnati**

### **Kate Greene, Chief Operating Officer, College Hill CURC**

Kate Greene joined the College Hill CURC as Chief Operating Officer in April 2021. She serves as CHCURC's day to day manager of operations and programming. During her short tenure with CHCURC, she has secured over \$1 Million in funds to advance their work in affordable housing, small business support, community engagement, and economic development. Kate got her start in community development with the United States Peace Corps in Moldova, Eastern Europe. She fell in love with the field, obtaining her masters degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati - DAAP. She has over 12 years of community development experience. Prior to

CHCURC, she served as the Associate Director of The Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington.

### **Leslie Rich; ioby Cincinnati**

Leslie is ioby's Cincinnati Action Strategist, where she partners with neighbors throughout the region to create lasting positive change in their communities. She works with Cincinnatians to connect them with resources and tools they need to transform communities, one project at a time. As a native Cincinnati, Leslie is excited by the recent resurgence of the city and knows that neighbors are the experts about what will make their own neighborhood stronger. Leslie brings nearly twenty years of experience in community organizing, asset-based community development, creative placemaking, and youth development to her role at ioby. In addition to her work with ioby, Leslie leads a non-profit in her neighborhood, Westwood Works.

### **Shauna Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools**

### **Kathryne Gardette, President, Walnut Hills Area Council**

### **Daniella Beltran, YARD & Company**

Daniella is motivated by opportunities that enable communities to become healthier, better connected, equitable and joyful places for all who live in and care for them. As an urban designer responsible for conceptualizing and creating project content and devising engagement and implementation strategies, Daniella is involved in a wide range of project types from short-term, tactical interventions to long-range comprehensive plans. Additional project types include corridor and district development planning, multi-modal infrastructure improvements, streetscape design guidelines, and site design work. Prior to YARD, Daniella spent three years as a planner with design firm, MKSK. While earning her Master's degree, Daniella worked with the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) and University of Cincinnati Planning + Design + Construction. She also has three years of experience as a community organizer with Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven

### **Nancy Sullivan, Transformations CDC**

**William Fischer, Vice President of Community Development, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority**

William "Bill" Fischer joined The Port as Vice President, Community Development in 2019 to lead the organization's outreach efforts in neighborhoods throughout Hamilton County and with real estate developers in Greater Cincinnati. He focuses on housing and commercial development, supporting The Port's goal to foster a wide range of urban residential options and revitalizing Neighborhood Business Districts (NBD's). Bill guides advancement of The Port's successful Rehab Across Cincinnati and Hamilton County (REACH) program currently under way in Price Hill, Avondale, and Mt Auburn. He also oversees the Port's affordable single-family development through the Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC) and works to strengthen community engagement to broaden partnerships that will serve the needs of neighborhoods undergoing change. Bill has held community development leadership roles with the University of Cincinnati and City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Development where he honed his real estate and financial incentive negotiation, grassroots organizing and urban planning skills.

**Deborah Robb, Director of Homesteading & Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC) and Residential Sales, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority**

Deborah Robb joined The Port in 2004. A long-time housing and neighborhood advocate, Deborah is The Port's program director of the Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC), a 501(c)(3) Ohio nonprofit corporation focused on community housing improvement and, in particular, the renovation of homes in low and moderate-income areas. She supports The Port's economic inclusion efforts, which are woven into the fabric of every Port project. She serves as the listing and sales agent for all The Port's residential properties.

She earned a BA in Communication Arts from the University of Cincinnati, where she was a minority scholarship recipient. She is also a graduate of the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati African American Leadership Development Program (Class III), Leadership Cincinnati (Class XXX), Project Blueprint, and Turner Construction School of Construction Management. Deborah is a 2014 recipient of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission Merlin G. Pope, Jr. award for leadership in diversity.

**Sean Suder, ZoneCo,**

Since 2014, ZoneCo Founder and Lead Principal Sean Suder has led, managed, or worked on zoning code projects for more than 25 communities across 13 states and counting. Sean served as Chief Counsel of Land Use and Planning for the City of Cincinnati where he represented the municipal corporation and its officials in all planning, land use, zoning, historic preservation and building matters; including serving as lead counsel for the award-winning Cincinnati

Form-Based Code and Historic Preservation Ordinance. Sean is a frequent speaker and panelist on the topics of zoning, zoning history, land use law, and historic preservation law. In addition to his work with ZoneCo, Sean is the founding partner of the law firm of Suder, LLC. Sean is licensed to practice law in Ohio, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia. He is recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" by *Chambers USA* 2020, 2021 in Band 1 in Ohio in Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use.

**Sara Sheets, CDF/Madisonville**

Sara joined Cincinnati Development Fund in 2019 and is responsible for providing development services to borrowers as well as originating and underwriting loans. Previously she was the Executive Director for the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation. Throughout her career, she has worked to improve the quality of life in urban neighborhoods. Through education, municipal government, on neighborhood streets, in nonprofit organizations, or through real estate development, she is driven to ensure children, families, and individuals in every neighborhood enjoy safe, clean streets, high quality schools, excellent housing choices, ample job opportunities, equal public services, and most importantly, a sense of connection to one another and their place in the world.

**Brandon Saurber, Director of Neighborhoods, City of Hamilton, Ohio**

**Kathy Klink, 17 Strong Advisory Board Chair and former City Councilperson, City of Hamilton, Ohio**

**Adelyn Hall, Community Learning Center Institute**

Adelyn Hall, Director of School-Centered Neighborhood Development with the Community Learning Center Institute, has led the initiative to stabilize neighborhoods based on the model of community schools for over 6 years. Adelyn has strong interests in development, education, and planning and is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer from eSwatini, Africa. Adelyn has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Washington and a Master of Community Planning degree from the University of Cincinnati.

**Tracy Power, Community Learning Center Institute**

Tracy Power, Resource Coordinator with Community Learning Center Institute, has led the community learning center team at Roberts Academy for the past 12 years. She has an extensive work background in local government and nonprofit work. She holds degrees from Northern Kentucky University, a B.A. in Organizational Leadership and a Master's degree in Public Administration with a certificate in nonprofit management.

**Antonio Fernandez, Community Learning Center Institute**

Antonio Fernandez is the Director of the Welcome Center at Roberts Academy with the Community Learning Center Institute. He assists families from the Price Hill community to maximize their stability and well-being, creating the necessary conditions for learning and growth. He holds

triple nationality from the United States, Spain, and Mexico, where his family still resides. He came to the US to study and play soccer at Bethel University in Indiana, where he earned a degree in computer information systems. After college, Antonio worked for the Pan American Games, the World Taekwondo Federation. He continues to serve as an international sporting event consultant for the U.S. Soccer Federation and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

#### **Maria Rivera, Learning Grove**

Maria Rivera is the Early Childhood Resource Coordinator at Roberts Academy. She has a bachelor's degree in kindergarten to third-grade education from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. Maria has been working in the early childhood field for seven years in a variety of roles such as preschool assistant, preschool teacher, and currently as Early Childhood Resource Coordinator for Learning Grove at Roberts Academy. She has been working with families at Price Hill community for almost six years.

#### **April Mueller, Learning Grove**

April Mueller is the Director of Family Outreach for Learning Grove. A graduate from the University of Cincinnati, April has worked in the early childhood field for over 25 years. She started out as a preschool teacher as she built experience, then transitioned into program administration. She has spent the last 19 years at Learning Grove as a program director, until 5 years ago when she transitioned into the Family Outreach Department. Over the past 5 years, April has overseen the partnership that Learning Grove has with Community Learning Centers Institute, as the early childhood partner at Roberts Academy, Oylar School, and most recently Mt. Washington School

#### **Alpacino Beauchamp, Roberts Academy**

Alpacino Beauchamp is the 5th year principal of Roberts Academy in East Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati. Mr. Beauchamp is in his 15th year as an educator. Prior to Roberts Academy Mr. Beauchamp was a mathematics instructional coach, mathematics/science teacher and assistant principal. Mr. Beauchamp graduated from the University of Cincinnati and Miami Universities with Master's degrees in education and business.

#### **Iris Roley, Managers Advisory Group/CBUF**

Iris is the proud partner of RoSho Awards & Graphics, the only Black Owned engraving company in the region. Iris is an original member of the Cincinnati Black United Front. In 2000, Iris and the CBUF led the effort to mobilize the Cincinnati African American community to report, collect, and document over 400 instances of police brutality and misconduct. The documentation was the catalyst used to file a class action lawsuit against the city of Cincinnati, its police department, and fraternal order of police in federal court. The lawsuit and eventual settlement in March 2001 is known as the historic Collaborative Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cincinnati and the Department of Justice. Iris currently is a consultant to the City of Cincinnati for the Collaborative

Agreement and is on the City Managers Advisory Board. She also lends her talents and time to various boards, and mentors CBUF's Leaders of the Free World advocacy group

#### **Sheryl Long, Assistant City Manager, City of Cincinnati**

As Assistant City Manager, Ms. Long helps manage various City operations, utilities and regulatory departments. Her primary responsibilities include interfacing with the Departments of Public Services, Citizen Complaint Authority, Emergency Communications Center, Office of Environment and Sustainability, Transportation & Engineering, as well as the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, and Greater Cincinnati Water Works. She also acts as the liaison to the Cincinnati Health Department. Ms. Long brings a wealth of public and private experience to the City of Cincinnati. She previously served as the City Administrator for the City of North College Hill for over three years. This position required wearing a variety of hats as job responsibilities included collaborating with private-sector entities on various economic development projects, working with the State and other government entities on grant opportunities, and managing North College Hill's multimillion-dollar annual budget.

#### **Anne Steinert, Engagement Co-Facilitator & Preservation Consultant**

Anne Delano Steinert, studies public history and the history of the built environment with a focus on late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century Cincinnati. She is the founder of Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine Museum and curator of *Look Here!, Schools for the City: Cincinnati's Public School Architecture from 1838 to World War II*, and *Finding Kenyon Barr: Exploring Photographs of Cincinnati's Lost Lower West End* exhibitions. She is a Visiting Assistant Professor at UC where she has taught Local History Research Methods, History of American Cemeteries, Introduction to Historic Preservation Planning, History of Cincinnati, Cities in American History, History of Urban Form, Theory and Practice of Placemaking, Introduction to Public History, and Oral History Workshop. Steinert's dissertation, *Standing Right Here: The Built Environment as a Tool for Historical Inquiry* explores the built environment as a rich source for historians as they develop and investigate questions about the past.

#### **Carlton Collins, Engagement Co-Facilitator & Community Organizer**

#### **Ioanna Paraskevopoulos, Executive Director, Action Tank**

Ioanna co-founded Action Tank to provide free policy research and technical assistance to residents, especially community and neighborhood groups, advocating on behalf of their neighbors. She observed the need for an organization like Action Tank while serving as Chief of Staff to a Cincinnati City Council Member for three and a half years. Under her leadership, the Council Member's office introduced and passed signature legislation to help reframe conversations surrounding development in Cincinnati. From 2010 - 2016, she worked at the U.S. Department of State, where she was the Senior Human Rights and Congressional Affairs Officer for the Middle

East Bureau. She also served as bureau coordinator for the UN General Assembly. She has a B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from Northern Kentucky University.

#### **Jared Marsh, Program Assistant, Action Tank**

Jared Marsh serves on the Action Tank team enabling others through civic engagement programs to advocate for more equitable policy that meets the needs of their communities. This is accomplished through Jared's deep love for spreadsheets in project management from project design, fundraising, marketing, and implementation. Prior to Action Tank, Jared worked in several sustainability and human rights roles throughout the Dayton and Cincinnati area including the University of Dayton's Hanley Sustainability Institute and Human Rights Center and Sustainability/Pollution Prevention rotations at TriHealth's Good Samaritan Hospital and the Cincinnati Art Museum. Jared is a native Cincinnati representing the Westside and received his undergraduate degree in Human Rights Studies with concentrations in Sustainability and Chinese from the University of Dayton in 2020.

#### **Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice-Mayor, Chair of Neighborhoods Committee, City of Cincinnati**

Prior to becoming a City Councilmember, Jan-Michele practiced law with the firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister LLP, then branched out into a solo law career when she helped to start the multimedia publishing company, KGL Media Group, Inc. dba Sesh Communications. Sesh owns the award-winning Cincinnati Herald, The Northern Kentucky Herald, The Dayton Defender, seshPRIME Magazine, and PIX (News in Pictures), and hosts the popular annual Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance, the BRIGHT Awards for 18-30 year olds, and the Nefertiti Awards for outstanding women. Jan-Michele initiated free community workshops in Cincinnati and Dayton, in collaboration with other institutions, to promote homeownership ("Owning It!") and small business growth ("Growing It!"). Jan-Michele was a co-host for WLWT Channel 5's shows "Issues" and "Let's Talk Cincinnati" and she is one of the founders of the Greater Cincinnati Association of Black Journalists, the local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists.

#### **Scotty Johnson, Chair, Public Safety and Governance Committee, City of Cincinnati**

A Cincinnati native and beloved public servant, Scotty Johnson strives to exude the impact of unity and integrity within our great city. Mr. Johnson graduated from Woodward High School and Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Law, minoring in Psychology. He also attained certification in Race Relations from Harvard University. Having honorably served the Cincinnati Police Department for 33 years, Councilmember Johnson is passionate about achieving quality and impartial service for every citizen of Cincinnati.

#### **Meeka Owens, Chair, Climate, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, City of Cincinnati**

Prior to her election to City Council, Meeka, in her role as a community activist, has served as an Executive Board Member, Fundraiser, Steering Committee Member, and Mentor for great local organizations like Women Helping Women, MUSE Women's Choir, Make-A-Wish, UMADAOP, and Dress for Success. As a Trainer, Facilitator and Consultant, Meeka has designed and delivered learning topics to professional, community and High School groups centered on Professional Image and Development, Workplace Safety, Self Esteem and Empowerment. She has worked with organizations such as City Gospel Mission; Having The Courage To Change program, The Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, Freestore FoodBank, and Cincinnati Public School; Western Hills High School AWAKE program.

#### **Reggie Harris, Chair, Equitable Growth and Housing Committee, City of Cincinnati**

Reggie is a retired professional ballet dancer, trained clinical social worker, and licensed therapist who most recently worked in affordable housing development. He is also the founder of InContext Advising, LLC, where he has worked with state and local campaigns, nonprofits, educators, and healthcare providers on issues related to mental health, LGBTQIA+ equality, and social policy. He was appointed to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Board of Directors by the Hamilton County Commission in January 2020 and served as the board chair for Equality Ohio — the state's leading LGBTQIA+ civil rights organization. He was elected to Cincinnati City Council in the 2021 election and is the chair of the Equitable Growth and Housing Committee.

#### **Liz Blume, Executive Director, Community Building Institute**

Liz Blume is the Executive Director of the Community Building Institute, an organization that helps communities organize their own redevelopment by tapping into the passion of their residents and identifying the assets of their neighborhoods. A planning professional with more than 30 years of experience, Liz has led multiple city, county, and neighborhood planning processes. A significant portion of her research and work has focused on the issues of affordable housing, urban education, land use, equity and community engagement. In addition to her role with CBI, Liz also serves as the Co-Director of the Master's program in Urban Sustainability at Xavier University.

#### **Chandra Youngbluth, Constituent Affairs, City of Cincinnati**

Ms. Yungbluth directs the Office of Constituent Affairs. Previously she led the Office of Aging and Accessibility which includes serving as the liaison to the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors (CABA), directing all City ADA initiatives, and ensuring Title IV and accessibility compliance by the Streetcar. Chandra led efforts such as working with AARP to maintain the City's Livable Communities initiative and helping to oversee the Census 2020 project.

While working for the Ohio Secretary of State, Ms. Yungbluth was responsible for working on accessibility-related issues at polling places in counties throughout the Greater Cincinnati region. Most recently she served as the Southwest Ohio Director of The Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) where she worked to bring together opinion leaders, local officials and key stakeholders to develop strategies to address and advocate for specific issues.

#### **Kait Bell, Office of Performance and Data Analytics**

Kait joined the Office of Performance and Data Analytics in January of 2020 and is currently serving as the team's User-Centered Design Lead. After earning her BFA in Graphic Design from Miami University (OH), Kait entered public service on the Policy and Communication Team for the City's Department of Community and Economic Development. Over the past five years, she's managed digital communications for two City departments, redesigned Cincinnati's business development and attraction web presence, and worked with City staff to make services and programs more easily accessible to the community.

#### **Dorothy Smoot, Community Partnering Center**

As the Executive Director of the Community Partnering Center since 2012, Dorothy supports a staff of twelve individuals committed to building bridges and relationships in Cincinnati neighborhoods. We empower community people to partner with the police and community stakeholders to utilize a transparent inclusive process that helps find community driven solutions to issues of crime, disorder and quality of life. This approach helps build positive and supportive relationships between the neighborhoods and the Cincinnati Police Department. A diverse background in social service program delivery for adults and youth helps Dorothy's work. She is a member of the Cincinnati City Manager's Advisory Group, a Crime Prevention Specialist certified by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association in 2018, and an Alumni Member of the Cincinnati Citizen's Police Academy.

#### **Pete Metz, Transportation Policy And Coalition Manager, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber**

As the transportation policy & coalition manager for the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Pete Metz oversees a coalition of business leaders advocating for expanded investment in transportation that connects people to jobs, education and healthcare and supports a talent rich workforce. The Chamber is focused on communicating the business case for expanded transportation, including investment in infrastructure projects, expanding access for public transit, and preparing our region for the future of transportation. Prior to joining the Chamber, Metz was the chief of staff to Cincinnati Vice Mayor David Mann where he worked on a wide range of issues, including housing, economic development, and transportation and is a veteran of both local and statewide political campaigns. Additionally, Metz spent time in Washington, DC, where he worked on federal transportation policy at Transportation for America.

#### **Seth Walsh, College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation**

A native of St. Joseph, Michigan, Seth moved to Cincinnati to attend Xavier University, ultimately deciding to put down roots in Cincinnati after graduation. Seth worked for various members of Cincinnati City Council before leaving to work with the CDC Association as their Associate Director and helping start up the Sedamsville CDC as their Executive Director. Seth left both roles to take on the role of Executive Director of the College Hill CURC in 2016. During that time, he has led over \$80 million in development within the College Hill community. In his free time, Seth is the Founder and President of the Cincy Soccer League, the only United States Soccer Federation-affiliated adult soccer league in Cincinnati, Chairman of the Cincinnati Elections Commission, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Taft Family Legacy.

#### **Stefan Cornelis, GBBN Architects**

For over a decade, Stefan has been active in designing projects at GBBN Architects that shape the transformation and urban condition of communities. His recent work includes mixed-use projects like College Hill Station, 1010 On-The-Rhine, Logan Commons, an affordable-housing development for seniors, and the St. Vincent de Paul Bank Street Service Expansion Center.

#### **Kimberly Starbuck**

Kimberly is a historic property developer and resident of the Findlay Market community. As a Trustee of Memorial Hall and the OverTheRhine Museum, she is passionate about enlivening the value of the OTR historic district through the stories and value each structure holds for the future.

#### **Darin Hall, Civitas Development Group**

Darin Hall founded Civitas Development Group to execute transformative real estate development projects at scale in communities that are primed to receive investment. Prior to founding Civitas, Hall served as Executive Vice President at the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority, overseeing strategic real estate development efforts in targeted areas to drive commercial, residential, and industrial redevelopment in targeted neighborhoods in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

#### **Molly Robertshaw, City of Cincinnati Office of Environment and Sustainability**

#### **Katherine Keough-Jurs, Director, City of Cincinnati Department of City Planning and Engagement**

Ms. Keough-Jurs has worked for the City of Cincinnati since September, 2000. She was Project Manager for Plan Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati's first comprehensive plan in over 30 years, and winner of the American Planning Association's (APA) 2014 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan, APA Ohio's 2013 Ohio Planning Award for Comprehensive Planning in a Large Jurisdiction, and the 2013 Frank F. Ferris Award for Planning in Hamilton County, Ohio. Ms. Keough-Jurs was appointed Director of the Department of City Planning in February

2018. She is a member of the Board of the Ohio Chapter of the APA and is also the Director of the Cincinnati Section of APA Ohio and has been certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 2001.

**Alex Peppers, Deputy Director, City of Cincinnati  
Department of City Planning and Engagement**

**Samantha McLean, City of Cincinnati Department of City  
Planning and Engagement**

Samantha McLean is a city planner with the City of Cincinnati where she facilitates long- and short-term planning efforts with neighborhoods and stakeholders and supports the City Planning Commission. Prior to joining the department in 2019, she completed a Fulbright grant, researching the intersection of cultural and built heritage and climate change planning in Saint-Louis, Senegal. Before pursuing a career in urban planning, Samantha worked in international development with an international education nonprofit in Washington, D.C. and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon. She is passionate about working with communities to strengthen their built, social, and ecological environments.

**Larry Falkin, Assistant Superintendent, MSD**

**Jim Casey, President, South Fairmount Community  
Council**

**Tanner Yess, Executive Director, Groundwork Ohio River  
Valley**

Tanner was raised by scientists, and grew up paddling, pedaling, and planting trees. After earning a degree in ecology, he worked on a fishing vessel in the Bering Sea. His Peace Corps service involved resource management and eco-tourism. During graduate school, Tanner helped form Greater Cincinnati's Tri-State Trails Coalition. He is a National Park Service Mountains Ambassador; SHIFT Emerging Leader; and recipient of the 2018 Murie Center Rising Leader Award. Yess' passion is creating new pathways for urban youth to access green careers.

**Rasheda Cromwell, Senior Director, GCF Community  
Strategies**

As the leader of the Community Strategies team, Cromwell is responsible for setting the strategic vision for the GCF's comprehensive array of grantmaking programs. She develops and implements strategies for inclusive community engagement and advancing the organization's commitment to address equity issues. Cromwell brings more than 15 years of experience in nonprofit management, fundraising and community advocacy to her new role. Prior to joining GCF, she served as the Program Director at KnowledgeWorks and as the Vice President of Development at The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati.

**Denisha Porter, Director, All-in-Cincinnati**

Denisha is the first Director of the All-In Cincinnati Equity Coalition. All-In Cincinnati is a community-led racial equity coalition that seeks to co-create and implement an equity action plan to transform our tri-state community. Denisha came from the Cincinnati Health Department, where she served since 2010 as the Director of Health Promotion and Worksite Wellness and the Creating Healthy Communities Program. She was responsible for coordinating health initiatives in schools, worksites, communities, and healthcare settings.

**Michael Coffey, Director, Racial Justice Fund, Greater  
Cincinnati Foundation**

**Toilynn O'Neal, ROMAC**

Toilynn is the founding director of ROMAC (Robert O'Neal Multicultural Art Center), whose mission is to celebrate, advance, and preserve African/African American culture and achievement through arts, history, and education, while also uplifting the rich diversity of artists and cultures represented by Greater Cincinnati's residents of color. She is also the Executive Director at Queen City Foundation, seeking to assist and support minority students who possess academic talent, desire, and motivation.

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**Invest in Neighborhoods** is a nonprofit organization created in 1982 to empower community councils and their resident members, volunteers, and related community organizations to contribute to civic life and advance the quality of life in Cincinnati's neighborhoods, by increasing capacities and competencies, assisting with resources, and promoting civic engagement. We value a civic infrastructure which is inclusive and representative and promotes equity.

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**Stay tuned** for the Neighborhood Summit Post-Summit Survey to continue to help us make the Neighborhood Summit the annual gathering for community leaders and the legions of volunteers that make our neighborhoods great!

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