OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

PART 1 : CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please fill out the contact information below. Personal information including address, email, and phone number will not be shared.

Name:	Brennin Brown, MD						
Address:		**City:**		**State:**		**Zip:**	
Phone:		**Email:**					
Ohio City Incorporated Membership:	☑ I am currently a Resident Member in-good-standing						
	☐ My Resident Membership form is attached to this application.						

PART 2 : EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Please check the areas in which you have experience and/or professional expertise. Responses to Part 2 will be made available to Ohio City Incorporated membership prior to the election.

☐ **Accounting**	☐ **Developer/Builder**	☐ **Human Resources**
☐ **Bilingual**	☑ **Education**	☐ **Legal**
☑ **Community Activist**	☐ **Finance/Lending**	☐ **Marketing**
☑ **Community Connections**	☐ **Fundraising**	☑ **Outreach**
☐ **Construction Contractor**	☐ **Grant Writing**	☐ **Real Estate**
☐ **Design/Architecture**	☐ **Historic Preservation**	☐ **Strategic Planning**

PART 3 : PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please answer the following questions & attach with your application. Limit 1 page, single-spaced. Responses to Part 3 will be made available to Ohio City Incorporated membership prior to the election.

1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?

2) In what ways do you feel your strengths, knowledge, skills, and experience will help Ohio City Incorporated further it's mission?

3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City and/or non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations. Include Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs if applicable.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

This application was completed to the best of my knowledge and in good faith:

Signature	Print	Date
	Brennin Brown, MD	03/01/2020

FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL TO:

Ohio City Incorporated
ATTN. OCI Governance Committee
2525 Market Avenue, Suite A
Cleveland, OH 44113

Brendan Doyle, Governance Chair : brdoyle77@aol.com
Carrie Miller, Director of Neighborhood Services : cmiller@ohiocity.org

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1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?

I am interested in serving on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees in order to give back to the community that I am privileged to live in and enjoy each day. I am a proud resident of Ohio City and my neighborhood is an exciting part of my life here in the Greater Cleveland area.

I have been a resident of Ohio City for nearly 2 years and since moving to the neighborhood I have been inspired and appreciative of all that the neighborhood offers its residents. Additionally I feel that as a physician with a specialization in mental health and community work, primarily in communities of color, I can be an advocate for community residents in order to promote the values of Ohio City Incorporated.

I am a resident physician in Psychiatry at University Hospitals here in Cleveland. I mostly practice in the Greater University Circle area and I find my work to be rewarding and transformative – for myself and my patients. I believe that each of us, no matter our position or occupation, have the ability to affect positive change for our communities. Serving on the Ohio City Inc. Board of Trustees will prove to be an opportunity to deepen my commitment to my community and strengthen my relationships with my neighbors through civic engagement.

My work in Psychiatry is a daily opportunity to serve as an advocate for patients suffering with many social determinants of poor health. Many of these same circumstances affect some residents of Ohio City including poverty, low wages and underemployment, housing instability, and substance use disorders. Growing up I also experienced many of these challenges which I have been blessed to overcome on my journey toward a career in medicine. As a doctor, it is my responsibility to be an activist for structural and equitable change which creates opportunities for others to live fulfilling, healthy lives. This, I believe is my purpose and the foundation of my own value system.

As a resident and member of Ohio City Incorporated I have grown to love the promise and potential of our neighborhood. The more I have learned about our community and its history the more committed I have been to stay engaged in the community to further enact the firm values of Ohio City Inc. These values, including those of equity, diversity, inclusivity and collaboration guide my own life's work. I would be honored to help carry them out as a Board of Trustee member.

2) In what ways do you feel your strengths, knowledge, skills, and experience will help Ohio City Incorporated further its mission?

As described above, in my line of work I am constantly working to promote health within my patients, their families and larger communities as a whole. My personal and professional strengths lie in my work collaborating, conducting outreach, strategizing within communities and organizations throughout each phase of my education and career in medicine. I am a Black woman and I have lived in diverse communities my entire life. I recognize the importance of seeing people as individuals with hopes, dreams and unique needs which can be achieved in thoughtful, intentional communities. I believe Ohio City Incorporated has pursued a mission to identify the needs of our diverse community and I believe my lived experience will fuel my success if elected to serve as a Board member.

Additionally, I am a lifelong learner with a passion for writing, public speaking, and connecting with others through community service. I am confident that these specific skills will be of benefit to my role as a Board member in order to assist with strategic planning, grant-writing and fundraising, as well as community outreach.

3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City and/or non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations. Include Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs if applicable.

Admittedly, my involvement in Ohio City neighborhood organizations has been limited by my time-consuming career as a resident physician. I am a resident member of Ohio City Incorporated. As I progress in my career my time commitments will lessen and I have no reservations that I will be able to meet the expectations of the Ohio City Board.

I have lived in Cleveland, Ohio for 8 years. In that time I have lived in Cleveland Heights and been involved in community work there and in the Greater University Circle neighborhoods. I have attended and volunteered for many

community events with organizations including Third Space Action Labs, Co, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, NeighborUp, Cleveland State University Office of Urban Studies, UH MacDonald Women's Hospital, and others.