



## Holly Bowen

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

I have been in the community for seven years, not long enough to know the old days, but enough to see and experience the transition of the community. It has been exciting to see the changes, the growth, and the partnerships that have developed over the years, and now that I have the opportunity, I would very much like to be involved in the next phase to ensure its continued growth and success. I believe ours is a neighborhood that celebrates inclusion and diversity where all can live a full life.

**2. Please describe your experience in the areas checked in Part 2. Include any special achievements and/or any experiences that you feel would enhance the organization. :**

I have many years of working in the nonprofit sector as well as the for-profit sector, advocating for nonprofit missions. I am a recent graduate of the Master of Nonprofit Organizations (MNO) program at Case Western Reserve University, where I was able to hone my professional skills, become a change agent, and explore international concepts in health and violence prevention. This education has given me experience in strategic planning, grant writing, and outreach, while my undergraduate education has given me the skills needed to be a mentor, a communicator, and a hub for forming human connections. For the past five years, I have worked in higher education for a large nonprofit where I have gained experience in donor cultivation, stewardship, fundraising, and collaborative partnerships.

I have strong leadership skills and the ability to manage staff and multiple projects. Additionally, I am action oriented and highly motivated by collaborative work, creativity, and innovative thinking. Over the past few years, through my experience and my education, I have been working to position myself to help others grow and expand to the mutual benefit of our shared mission.

**3. Describe your involvement in Ohio City neighborhood organizations or Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs.**

As one can imagine, attending graduate school while working a full time job is no easy task. During the last few years, I have had to be selective with my time. Last year, however, I had the privilege of working with Ohio City Incorporated to display my home on the Ohio City Home Tour. In addition, I can usually be found at any of the local festivals or community events. And if I'm not able to attend, I'm on the sidelines advocating and promoting everything Cleveland to clients. Now that I have more availability, I am excited to become more active in my block club as well as the community at large.

**4. Describe your involvement in non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations/activities.**

I haven't been directly involved with many activities, but I am a close neighbor to many bars and restaurants. While I might not own a business myself, at some point I have been there to save the day with a cup of sugar, pinch of cinnamon, or an extra Microplane. I have also volunteered my cosmetology services for the annual St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event, which brings awareness to childhood cancers.