



Katherine Thorpe

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

I moved to Ohio City during a time of distress. I was going through a separation from my children's father, I was dissolving my construction management business, and I was offered housing in Lakeview Terrace Apartments. I was pregnant with my youngest sleeping on my father's couch with a pack and play in the corner. I watched from my bubble as w. 25th st morphed from a sad miserable place to a beautiful vibrant community in which I wanted to become apart. I had my children in mind as I traversed the streets on foot, everything we needed all with in walking distance. As I re-evaluated my stance on money, I vowed to stay and make the best of this new place I wanted to call home. I am from California, and the view of the water mesmerized me, the cost of living enchanted me, the opportunities seemed endless to me entrepreneurial spirit, and seeing the conditions of those in low-oncome housing first hand I wanted to be a driving force of change. I want to serve the Ohio City Community by serving on the board of trustees. I hope to gain knowledge and build connections to propel this city into greatness. After attending The Summit on sustainability, I am fired up for the vision of a green city on a blue lake.

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.

Accounting: I completed college level accounting in 10th grade. my credits didn't transfer for what ever reason. I was a 1 place ranking participant in the international accounting division For the FBLA, three years in a row. I was the treasurer of the FBLA, Spanish Club in high school, and Society of Woman Engineers in College. I maintained my own accounting records and filed my own taxes for my property management and construction management company.

Marketing: A business doesn't exist if no one knows about it. My construction management company peaked at 10k gross a month for three months.

Construction Contractor: I reconnected with my families construction company, Thorpe Development West, to propel its new international smart home initiative through Thorpe Development East as its South American Area Manager I am the only one that covers three countries.

Real Estate: I dabbled in real estate investment. I still keep a pulse on new strategies.

Community Activist: I am very vocal about equality in the Lakeview terrace community, i Seemed to be stonewalled at times, but I work with the LAC when possible, I have spoken at the commission for poverty, i have communicated with SPAN members, I have pledged to help with the poor peoples campagin.

Outreach: I had a small garden on my balcony, I shared feely my excess produce with neighbors until closed minded neighbors complained about the smell of my compost bins. Other Neighbors came to me for help with natural remedies, cost saving tactics and free babysitting. I want to expand the produce giving to food banks and churches once I get the land.

Education: I home educate my children and I take that very seriously, and share my strategies freely, especially with those at the educator's dinner that was held at the Franklin Circle Church. I want to write a curriculum and submit a proposal to the state board of education.

Fundraising: I have created a facebook group dedicated to homeschool fundraising for single mothers. The group allows single mothers to participate in group buys of fundraising materials which require 10 or more participants. I have encouraged my children to be young entrepreneurs by by not giving them money for candy, my oldest started creating his own books to sell and to date has raised \$30. I have also created a patreon page in connection with my podcast, Balanced Earth_ETC, which discusses topics in sociology, philosophy, and home education, to bring balance back into this chaotic society at large.

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

This is funny because I am not sure which is which. If it has to do with the community in which my children wish to participate, I am there. From near west rec, to the global table dinners, to speaking at the commission on poverty, LAC meetings, SPAN, Carnegie West branch library activities, MyComm, Garden Club, CMA Stages, speaking at the educator's dinner, and helping to setup or clean up activities at the Lakeview Terrace Community center, The list goes on, I am sure Ohio City incorporated staff can tell you I am everywhere if it is a 30 minute walk.(I have even provided proofreading for programs and documents for Lakeview Terrace Community Center). I go as far as Michael J. Zone for activities (I splurge and take the train). If I know about it I am there. I have no official involvement but I always communicate in some way, I always volunteer my time when ever I am asked. I am teaching my children, first hand, how to make change, not wait for change to occur.

4. Describe your involvement in non-Ohio City neighborhood

organizations/activities. :The only non-Ohio City Organizations are home-school groups and the community dinner held at UCS. Otherwise please refer to question 3.