

OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Alex Budin	
Ohio City Incorporated Membership:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am currently a Resident Member in-good-standing
Length of Ohio City residency:	2.5 years Oct. 2013

EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Developer/Builder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Activist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance/Lending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Connections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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

I am interested in the Board position because I want to be an active participant in Ohio City's future. As a both a resident and business owner, I care very much about the neighborhood and want to see it continue to thrive. The growth seen in the last decade has been tremendous and I believe the next 3-5 years will be critical to its sustained success. OCI's vision for a more connected neighborhood with bike/walk friendly communities are very important to me. I believe I offer an even perspective with like-minded goals, and would enjoy the opportunity to represent my community in a positive manner.

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

My undergraduate degree is in Accounting (BS) with an entrepreneurial minor. My early career was spent working in corporate real estate finance, property management and sales. Currently, I own and operate a bar & restaurant, wearing a variety of hats including finance, marketing, fundraising and human resources. I also know how to cook a pierogi. My expertise is in business, however you slice it.

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

I have been an active member in the Franklin-Clinton Block Club since June 2013, a few months prior to my residence in Ohio City. I worked alongside community leaders to learn the history of our neighborhood and its values. I attend meetings regularly and have been involved in neighborhood cleanups. I am also beginning my

second year as a Board member for the Ohio City Merchant's Association. I facilitate meetings and handle all correspondence, between merchants and neighborhood leaders. I often attend community meetings concerning safety, transportation or zoning changes in an effort to keep up-to-date on things affecting our community.

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

I am a member of a small business organization called EnvisionEight, formed with high school classmates. We do annual fundraising for a scholarship fund created for entrepreneurial thinking high school graduates. I also have been a volunteer with events like Station Hope, Brite Winter, the Ohio City Games, neighborhood discussion panels, and more, since moving to the community.

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Experience

- 2013-Pres. **JUKEBOX**, Neighborhood Bar & Restaurant, Cleveland, OH
Owner/Operator
- Opened doors in August 2014, demolition & build-out began 2013
 - Hosted several fundraisers benefiting neighborhood organizations including but not limited to OCI Safety Camera Initiative, May Dugan Center, Drink Tap/Drink Local, Girls With Sole, Second Hand Mutts, Muttley Crüe, and the Cleveland APL
- 2010-2013 **Matilda**, Bar & Restaurant, Chicago, IL
General Manager / Bartender
- Responsible for staff & scheduling, orders & delivery, nightly settlement, maintenance & repairs, among others tasks
 - Learned through apprenticeship from owner-operator all aspects of restaurant management
 - Head bartender
- 2010-2012 **Reliable Property Management**, Chicago, IL
Property & Office Manager
- Provide full-service property management for over 400 residential condominiums, mostly 3-24 unit properties
 - Prepared annual budgets, arranged meetings, and facilitated correspondence for HOA
- 2010-2013 **@Properties**, Chicago, IL
Real Estate Broker
- 2007-2010 **Garick Corporation**, Lawn & Garden supply company, Cleveland, OH
Midwest Business Development Manager

Education

- 2002-2006 **Richard T. Farmer School of Business**, Miami University, Oxford, OH
Bachelor of Science (Major: Accounting, Minor: Entrepreneurship)

Memberships

- 2015-Pres. Ohio City Merchant Association Board member
- 2013-Pres. Franklin-Clinton Block Club member
- 2007-Pres. EnvisionEight co-founder, business organization
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