

**2010 NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT
GOAL COMMENT SHEETS
HISTORIC CONSERVATION**

Goal # 1: Cincinnati's Historic Architecture is an asset worth preserving.

- Receivership, more incentives, resource center for resident, proactive vs reactive to demolitions. (1)
- Yes. (2)
- Recognize value of preserving historic buildings and neighborhoods and provide incentives. (4)
- I agree, however we have to recognize what is reasonable when trying to preserve buildings rather than let them fall down due to neglect. (5)
- SAVE THE GAMBLE HOUSE. (7)
- This is an asset that sets our city apart for many of our neighbors. (8)
- It is, and preservation can be an enormous economic driver for the city and the revitalization of neighborhoods and communities. (9)
- Some of what is left is worth saving in many cases and is under far too much destructive pressure. (10)
- Development must incorporate historic assets or find a new place. (11)
- YES! We could turn Cincinnati into a tourist center if we fix old buildings and retrofit them with green architecture. (12)
- An asset and tool for economic development, however tiers should be put in place regarding preservation. How important is the specific area? Also, include affordable housing in preserved areas – combine with CRGB initiatives. (13)
- This is a no brainer – absolutely! (14)
- Extremely important we cannot afford to lose any more of our heritage – preserve please!
- Absolutely!! We have an extensive and amazing resource in our historic buildings. There are exceptional world-class architectural/cultural gems such as music hall, union terminal. These help form the identity and character of Cincinnati. (16)
- Absolutely yet in the past 30 yrs. I have seen the demolition of many historic homes, public buildings and other structures. (18)
- Of course... especially for use in marketing, tourism, and education. (19)
- How can the city make OTR attractive to investors? Let's get 3CDC North of Liberty street in partnership with the Findlay Market Corporation. (20)

Goal # 2: Cincinnati is recognized nationally and internationally for its historic resources.

- Convention center should promote heritage tourism. (1)
- No. (2)
- Cincinnati's historic architecture can be an economic development/revitalization tool. (4)
- Need plan consistent marketing. (5)
- SAVE THE GAMBLE HOUSE. (7)
- This could be a key driver of historic tourism to our city. (8)

- Marketing is a key component that is missing. There needs to be a strategic marketing campaign that markets these assets as well as the economic potential power involved in preserving them. (9)
- It should be, but I don't think it is. (10)
- Not yet, Instead demolition building sterile new housing, we should retrofit old buildings. (12)
- It should be, but we are wasting these resources. We do a poor job of protecting these resources. (14)
- Yes! Hannaford, Carew Tower, Rookwood, Terminal, City and Music hall. (15)
- Yes. This can be a key part of making Cincinnati a destination city, as well as attractive. (16)
- Create a comprehensive web site for Cincinnati landmarks and history. (17)
- Yes it is and I would like it to remain that way for my children and their children. (18)
- Local recognition and appreciation would be a first step, perhaps followed by state, then regional recognition. (19)

Goal # 3: Cincinnati's Historic Preservation program is a best practice model for other cities.

- Needs more funding/larger staff; education for HCB; updated guidelines. (1)
- No. (2)
- Needs considerable improvement. Economic hardship too broadly defined.
- Too easy to tear buildings down in historic districts. (4)
- SAVE THE GAMBLE HOUSE. (7)
- With the assets we have, we have an opportunity to really raise the bar. (8)
- With the wealth of resources and university research centers there is a great opportunity to specialize and serve as a model for other cities. (9)
- It should be, but I don't think it currently is. (10)
- Not yet! CHP should be combined with economic and community development to fix old. (12)
- No way. Too easy to tear down historic buildings, but bureaucracy makes it too hard to renovate. Need to review process to make sure priorities are straight. (14)
- Need more info to make a comment. (15)
- Yes. Bringing attention to us as experts can generate interest, revenue, business. Portland would be an example of this in the area of mass transit. (16)
- Try to make economically visible through marketing, subsidies, and tax breaks. (17)
- My experience with the program would support that thought I have not been as involved as I have been in the past with specific projects. (18)
- Better to be at Cincinnati's best practice level....others would inevitably follow. For now study best practice from surrounding cities to improve our own practice. (19)
- If we are a model for others, that will occur naturally. We don't need to strive to be a model. (20)

General Comments:

- Historic assets belong to all-owner only temporary caretakers!!
- Most questions are poorly stated, department needs to improve communication w/stakeholders....or rules need to fit communication time line. Can't let resources be comprised by poor enforcement/interpretation. Enforce stabilization of shells in OTR, develop incentives for stabilization and preservation, owner occupied multi-families in OTR, Use historic incentives, national/federal, state, County. (3)
- City needs to revise historic conservation legislation to tighten up criteria for economic hardship, remove non-profit exemption, require development plan before buildings can be demolished in historic districts and implement reviews before any buildings 75+ years-old can be torn down. Provide for a cooling-off period to explore options and define significance. (4)
- What is written as a goal is actually a statement. In large public meetings, terms such as "goals" or "action steps" should be clearly stated. Questions are ambiguous in the surveys. (6)
- We should demolish blighted apartment buildings, not single-family houses. We must stop the proliferation of subsidized housing and encourage self-responsibility. (7)
- Our historic architecture (and history) is a tremendous and under appreciated asset for Cincinnati. We need to increase the importance we place on conservation. (8)
- I believe that there is a disconnect between historic conservation and economic development. This should be addressed in an overall plan and strategy that closely works with economic development goals and policies. (9)
- Maintain a more active preserve within Cincinnati communities. (11)
- Cincinnati's greatest asset is old, beautiful buildings, which should be re-developed rather than demolished – and increase the number of jobs by employing currently unemployed people in the neighborhoods with empty old buildings. Tier system would put in place different requirements for housing and up keep of facilities. Strategize by making percentages of historical preservation areas available for affordable housing. Limit public participation on broad scale. (13)
- Too often we focus on whether a single building is historically significant...we need to look at the entire context...all buildings in a streetscape or even an entire neighborhood. A building in and of itself does not necessarily need to be "historically significant" in order to contribute to historic character. (14)
- Historic conservation is at the core of the vitality of the city. I have been involved in several projects in my neighborhood over the past twenty years including the renovation of the Brighton overpass over Central Pkwy. The most recent plan would eliminate our homes and part of Fairview park – We are working to fight this and find an alternative plan. We ask for the support of the conservation board! Thanks. (18)