

Clifton Cultural Arts Center Announces Formation of Task Force in Search of New Home
The group will serve as advisors during CCAC's site selection process

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CINCINNATI, OH – Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) -- a non-profit community arts and cultural center that brings together diverse communities to connect through the arts -- has assembled a blue-ribbon Task Force to evaluate relocation opportunities as it searches for a new home.

Earlier this year, the Cincinnati Public School (CPS) Board voted to terminate CCAC's 30-year lease on the Clifton School Building, which is slated to become a CPS neighborhood school. CCAC is in the process of identifying a new site in Clifton to house space for programming, classes, exhibits and events, as well as administrative offices. The newly formed Task Force will ensure the facility aligns with CCAC's mission and vision, meets the needs of the community, and positions CCAC for financial sustainability.

"This relocation marks a significant milestone in our organization, and we are excited to build upon the success of our first decade by creating a new space for the arts and community to thrive," said Leslie Mooney, Executive Director, CCAC. "We are honored to have a diverse group of leaders, with a range of expertise, guiding CCAC through a purposeful site selection process."

The 18-member group, led by Co-Chairs Otto Budig, Abby Moran, and Murray Sinclair, is representative of broad-based support from the Clifton community and multiple sectors and institutions in Cincinnati. Task Force members will play a key role in this relocation by participating in strategy discussions, reviewing potential sites and assisting with preparation for a capital campaign to meet financial needs of the selected site.

"Cincinnati's neighborhoods have incredible arts and cultural resources. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the work CCAC does," said Murray Sinclair, Founder, Ross, Sinclair and Associates. "It's of paramount importance to ensure CCAC continues to be a cultural asset, and the Task Force is committed to finding a space that builds on CCAC's trajectory of growth and development."

CCAC plans to announce its new location before the building transitions to CPS on September 1, 2018. The organization has invested \$2.6 million in improvements to the CPS building. CCAC leadership is engaged in ongoing conversations with CPS regarding the reimbursement of the capital improvements and next steps.

"As you can imagine, community input is essential during this process. CCAC is such a collaborative organization, and we're excited to determine how best to build upon this valued Clifton asset," said Abby Moran, Clifton resident and community volunteer. CCAC has engaged its patrons, community leaders, and Clifton residents to ensure community input is represented in this decision-making process. Community conversations will continue in 2018.

"The depth and breadth of CCAC's work is outstanding. We hope to find a space that continues to offer the same environment for creativity and connection while mirroring community interest and need," said Otto Budig, President, Budco Group.

CCAC Task Force members include:

- Matt Bourgeois
- Otto Budig, Co-Chair
- Chris Carlson
- Shannon Carter
- Patty Cottingham
- Becky Cull
- Van Dobbins III
- Barbara Hauser
- Cindy Herrick
- Monisha House
- Mitch Livingston
- Abby Moran, Co-Chair
- Kristi Nelson
- John Neyer
- Gillian Sella
- Murray Sinclair, Co-Chair
- Sara Vance Waddell
- George Vredeveld

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About CCAC

Clifton Cultural Art Center's mission is to strengthen the link between participation in the cultural arts and successful, healthy children, adults and communities. Since opening in 2008, CCAC has grown as an inclusive, multi-venue center and has seen an attendance of more than 240,000 individuals and families.

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