

The City of Memphis and Shelby County **Community Redevelopment Agency**

UPTOWN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION



Please email the application to Director of Community Building and Economic Opportunity
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Or submit to:

Jordan McKenzie
Director of Community Building and Economic Opportunity
City of Memphis & Shelby County CRA
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The Gould Cottage
Memphis, TN 38107

BACKGROUND

The CRA provides a source of financing to assist public or private enterprise in the elimination of slum and blighted conditions and providing affordable housing while maximizing return on public investment for the community. The purpose of the Uptown TIF District is to fund affordable housing construction, building repair/retrofit/rehabilitation, building demolition and/or site preparation and infrastructure improvements (roads, intersections, sidewalks, sewer, water, drainage, lighting, signage, utility poles and lines, landscaping) or other associated improvements that will create economic vitality, and ensure the continued economic vitality of the neighborhoods.

The CRA has been instrumental in the ongoing rehabilitation of the Uptown neighborhood, for example, with over 850 homes and apartments built and 30,000 square feet of roads sidewalks and alleyways improved in the past 15 years. The CRA is excited to build upon this momentum to empower the Uptown community for revitalization.

UPTOWN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The City of Memphis and Shelby County Community Redevelopment Agency (the “CRA”) is soliciting applications from individuals with the qualifications and experience to serve on the Uptown Community Advisory Committee.

The Uptown Community Advisory Committee will work with the CRA Board and staff, Uptown community residents, and stakeholders to create and to follow the Uptown Community Plan. The Uptown Community Plan will identify areas of focus, community priorities, and potential projects. It will include a shared vision for the neighborhood, an analysis of existing conditions, infrastructure needs, housing needs, land use recommendations, opportunities for strengthening the community.

The Plan will also outline an implementation process that will detail how projects in the Uptown Redevelopment Area are initiated and implemented. The Uptown Community Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the CRA Board on potential projects that will be funded by the Uptown TIF.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, please read the terms of membership and complete an application. Any inquiries concerning the proposal should be directed to Andrew Z. Murray, CRA Interim Executive Director at andrew.murray@memphistn.gov.



COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Uptown Community Advisory Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members. At least seven (7) members must be residents of the Uptown Community at large (see attached Uptown TIF Boundary map) and no more than three (4) members may be non-resident business owners. Every effort will be made to represent the entire geography of the Uptown TIF District. Residency or business ownership must be maintained throughout the entire term or membership shall be forfeited. Members must be at least 18 years of age. All members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years. All individuals interested in membership must complete the Uptown Community Advisory Committee Application included herein. Members may be removed for just cause (includes, but not limited to poor attendance, conflicts of interest, change in residency, etc.) at any time through a majority vote of the CRA Board. The CRA does not discriminate against any group and strives to include everyone in building great neighborhoods regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and age.

Member Expectations:

- Participate in at least 6 of 12 monthly meetings per year
- Participate in the Uptown Community Plan charrettes
- Volunteer for key tasks, events, and projects throughout the year
- Advise and support decision-making in strategic community empowerment activities
- Practice fiscal responsibility and be a good steward of resources to benefit our community

Meeting Dates: Monthly, as needed

Reports to: Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

The CRA reserves the right to reject any or all applications submitted. CRA staff and the CRA Hiring Committee will evaluate the applications and interviews with applicants may be held. CRA staff will submit their recommendation to the CRA Board for approval.



APPLICATION: UPTOWN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Applicant

Name

E-mail

Phone

Street

City

State

Zip

Organization Name

Title

Website

B. Related Project Experience

Describe the work you have completed in the last five years, or are currently working in community planning and urban design for a municipality, county, corridor, or neighborhood. Please include: project name, location, a brief description, year completed, and a project contact.

Note: If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

Describe any other relevant or similar project experience completed in the last five years.

Please list any special skills or interests you can bring to your volunteer work (e.g. *Fundraising, Financial Oversight, Social Media Experience, Legal, Design Skills, Community Organizing, Nonprofit Administration*).

What are your priorities for the Uptown Community?

Are you a resident of Uptown? Yes No

If not, please describe your connection to the community.

What is the best time and days of the week to attend meetings: _____

I hereby attest that the previous statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name

Signature

Date

Organization

**Thank you for your interest in the
Uptown Community Advisory Committee.**

(Applicant - do not write below this line)

Date Application Received

Staff Signature

Notes: