



Mayor Mark Mallory

City of Cincinnati

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Mayor Mallory Hosts Mayors' Institute on City Design Workshop Public Lecture by National Design Experts Tuesday Night at Contemporary Arts Center

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory is hosting a three-day workshop with the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD) to study the Walnut Hills neighborhood. The City of Cincinnati is one of only four communities selected from over 100 cities across the nation to participate in the MICD Alumni Technical Assistance Program. MICD is bringing in 5 design experts from around the country to work with city officials, local design professionals, and members of the community to develop strategies to revitalize Walnut Hills.

"As one of Cincinnati's oldest communities, Walnut Hills has a lot of potential for redevelopment," Mayor Mallory said. "The Mayors' Institute workshop is an opportunity to get different perspectives on the neighborhoods challenges. The goal is to build momentum that will spur further redevelopment."

During the three-day workshop in Cincinnati, Mayor Mallory is holding two public events:

Tuesday, October 21, Contemporary Arts Center, 6:00 p.m.

"Views from the Field: National Design Experts Present Best Practices in Sustainable Neighborhood Development"

- MICD Design Professionals will offer thoughts on how communities can address contemporary urban design challenges. This lively event will feature brief opening remarks by each MICD presenter, to be followed by questions and comments from the public.

Wednesday, October 22, Council Chambers, Cincinnati City Hall, 3:30 p.m.

"Walnut Hills Revitalization Plans: A Perspective from the Mayors' Institute's Design Professionals"

- After spending time with local public and private officials, the MICD team will present their thoughts on the Walnut Hills revitalization plans: what they like, don't like, and ideas for what Mayor Mallory and the City of Cincinnati might want to consider to enhance measures already taken in the neighborhood.

Members of the Mayors' Institute who will visit Cincinnati include:

Steve Lewis, Principal Project Manager at Parsons Corporation and president of NOMA – the National Organization of Minority Architects. Mr. Lewis is an architect based in California and a tireless advocate for social justice and diversity in the field of architecture.

Sergio Palleroni, Associate Professor at Portland State University. Mr. Palleroni focuses on sustainable architecture and community design in the U.S. and abroad.

Kennedy Smith, Principal of The CLUE Group, LLC. Ms. Smith has an extensive background in economic and community development and directed the National Main Street program in Washington, D.C. for 13 years before starting her current business.

The Mayor's Institute on City Design is a partnership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the American Architectural Foundation. The Institute was founded in 1985 as a way to aid mayors in finding solutions to critical urban design challenges facing their cities.