

Houses for Sale

One of the goals of CNI is to help increase the owner occupancy of downtown houses. Currently, the CNI neighborhoods are predominately rental. Increased owner occupancy of houses is one of the ways we can establish greater stability of our neighborhoods and improved maintenance of historic homes. To help with getting the word out when houses are available for sale in our neighborhoods, the Executive Committee of CNI has established a policy and procedure for communicating the availability of houses with owner-occupancy potential. Notice can occur in this newsletter, on our website and through our listserv. The policy and procedure is as follows.

Policy: CNI is committed to enhancing the livability and beauty of the CNI area by encouraging owner occupied homes. This will be accomplished, in part, by encouraging notice about homes available for purchase within the CNI boundaries or fronting CNI boundaries. Such postings may include articles in the CNI newsletter, postings on the CNI website and notification via the listserv.

Following are the criteria required to be acceptable for such publicity:

1. Property is a house (rather than a condo). Houses that have been/are being "condoized" are included.
2. Property has owner occupancy potential
3. Information about the opportunity must be provided to include:
 - a. Location
 - b. Price
 - c. Square footage
 - d. Number of various rooms (e.g. bedrooms, bathrooms, etc.)
 - e. Availability of off-street parking and/or a garage
 - f. Special finishes such as fireplaces, wood floors, original baseboards, crown molding, etc.
 - g. Front, back side yard space
 - h. General condition
 - i. Historical information when available

Procedure

1. Initiation of a request for posting may be made by the property owner or other interested person who is aware of the availability for sale of a property that meets the policy guidelines and who has the required information.
2. Requests will be made electronically and in a format suitable for publication. Preference will be given to information submitted in a clear, readable format.
3. Requests will be made to a screening committee to be made up of the CNI President, Chair of the Media Committee and Chair of the Physical Linkages Committee.
4. The request must include information about the property as defined in the policy.
5. Notice in the **newsletter** will be limited to one issue unless the requester reinitiates a new request which is again reviewed and approved by the screening committee. Notice in the newsletter will be included in an article entitled: "Houses for Sale in CNI Area by Sellers Seeking Owner-Occupant Buyers" to develop a consistency and awareness of the effort among newsletter readers.
6. Notice via the **listserv** will be limited to one time unless the requester reinitiates a new request which is again reviewed and approved by the screening committee. Such notice will be sent out via the listserv no more frequently than once per month. Notice on the listserv will also be entitled: "Houses for Sale in CNI Area by Sellers Seeking Owner-Occupant Buyers" to develop a consistency and awareness of the effort among recipients of listserv announcements.
7. Notice on the CNI **website** will be limited to three months unless the requester reinitiates a new request which is again reviewed and approved by the screening committee. Such notice will be in a section entitled:

"Houses for Sale in CNI Area by Sellers Seeking Owner-Occupant Buyers" to develop a consistency and awareness of the effort among those who access the website.