



**OCA is:**

- **An organization that advocates for “quality of life” improvements for the 14 Downtown Historic Districts**
- **An informational resource on issues affecting downtown**
- **An influential partner with City Hall and the University of Alabama regarding issues relevant to our neighborhoods**
- **A great way to meet your neighbors & be involved in your community**

The Original City Association (OCA) continues to make steady progress for our area. We work on many issues that affect the Historic Districts including: ordinance enforcement; monitoring HPC, ZBA and Planning Commission hearings; and consulting with developers on new building proposals. We work closely with UA Off-Campus Housing to raise student awareness of local ordinances. We are thankful for the assistance we receive from Mayor Maddox and City officials and staff. They are working with us to improve reporting & tracking of occupancy, parking, & upkeep violations and improving the ordinances that affect our areas.

**The OCA needs your help in the following areas:**

- 1) **Join the OCA** – Yearly membership is \$25 before Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and \$40 after Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) **Volunteer for the Social Committee**- This group plans 2 picnics a year and the Holiday Walk-About. They order food and setup for each event and organize volunteers to help. Time commitment: Approximately 5-7 hours per event.
- 3) **Volunteer to monitor 1 of 3 City Commission Boards**- These jobs require reviewing the monthly meeting agenda for a Commission and determining if there are any issues that should be addressed by the OCA. If an issue needs further review or response, the OCA Board will determine a plan of action. Attendance at some of the Commission meetings may be needed. Approximate time commitment: 5 hours per month. We need at least 3 people and possibly 6 if the jobs were shared. Some training is required and will be provided for those interested.

Commissions are:

- Historic Preservation Commission (meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)- HPC reviews requests for modifications to properties in the Historic Districts.
  - Zoning Board of Adjustment (meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)- ZBA deals with variance requests regarding property usage throughout the city;
  - Planning and Zoning Commission (meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)- PC reviews requests for re-zonings, buffer zone proposals and larger developments in the city
- 4) **Volunteer for a position on the Board**- The OCA currently has openings for a Vice-President and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice -President. The current President will serve for one additional year and then will become the Chairman which is an advisory position. At that time, the Vice president and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will move up to President and VP for a 2 year commitment. Training is available to anyone interested.

**The OCA is not all business... we have fun too!** Twice a year we host a picnic where fun & food abound & you can catch up with your old neighbors & meet new ones. The OCA Holiday Walk-About is highlighted by luminaries, an outdoor party featuring a visit from Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, great food & spirited fun! We hope that you will participate in these fun events!

**Join OCA:** Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: Family: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ (before Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>)      Family: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ (after Feb 15<sup>th</sup>)      Student: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a resident of the Historic District? \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ My Neighborhood Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to help with:** Board position \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Monitor \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Social Committee \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood representative \_\_\_\_\_ Communications \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach this section & send your check to: OCA PO BOX 2253 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2253**

**OCA 2015 Executive Board:**

President	Kelly Fitts	Kelly@fittsarchitects.com
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**OCA structure:**

- The OCA Board meets the first Monday of every month. All OCA members are welcome to attend these meetings.
- Each Historic District has a volunteer representative on the Board.
- Officials attending our meetings include: City Council and City School Board Representatives; UA Off Campus Housing; Historic, Planning & Zoning Board representatives
- The OCA works closely with city service providers including TDOT and the police to help solve issues that affect the Historic Districts
- Find us at [www.oca-tuscaloosa.org](http://www.oca-tuscaloosa.org) and facebook at Historic Districts of Tuscaloosa
- Dues are due the first of each calendar year