



BUILDING PROPOSAL

Since moving into its current location in 2007, the Cincinnati Zen Center has had continual growth in its membership and attendance at regular practice, workshops, and retreats.

Through 2018, attendance at regular practice has tripled and attendance at workshops and retreats is often at full capacity.

There has been an increase in demand for workshops, retreats and general Zen practice. The CZC needs a larger, permanent location that will serve its long-term growth and needs. Below are the essential characteristics of a new Cincinnati Zen Center space.

LOCATION

- Proximity to natural areas suitable for meditative practice (such as a local park, nature trails or 0.5-1 acre garden on the property)
- Proximity to public transportation and near a highway corridor in Cincinnati
- Appropriate zoning for multi-use dwellings
- Safe and adequate parking (on or off street) for 30 cars
- Acceptability of cultural diversity and our practice forms in the surrounding neighborhood

STRUCTURES

- A meditation hall large enough to hold 30 people for retreats and 50 for public events
- An interview room close to but separate from the meditation hall
- Separate entry from meditation hall with space for coats and shoes
- Natural lighting (sunlight through windows and/or skylights)
- Multiple restrooms with multiple toilets (possibility of bathing facilities in future)
- A suitable kitchen (possibility of commercial-grade kitchen in future)
- Separate dining area

LONG-TERM

CZC wants the ability to house overnight retreat guests, with the potential for one or more future residential dwellings.