

NRP POLICY BOARD ELECTION FACT SHEET

Election Format:

Each neighborhood organization participating in the NRP designates one resident from each of the neighborhoods it represents to serve as an elector at a citywide election. Each neighborhood elector will vote for neighborhood representatives to serve on the Policy Board.

DATE OF THE ELECTION: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2003
LOCATION OF THE ELECTION: Crown Roller Mill Building – 105 5th Avenue South
Second Floor Atrium and Conference Rooms
(Office Building where NRP's Central Office is Located)

Neighborhood participation is needed in two important areas:

1. ELECTOR SELECTION

Each neighborhood selects an elector to vote for candidates at the election on Thursday, November 20th. Neighborhood organizations representing more than one neighborhood need to select one elector from each neighborhood they represent. For example, Whittier selects 1 elector and Hale/Page/Diamond Lake selects 3 electors. For neighborhood organizations representing two or more neighborhoods (i.e. Hale-Page-Diamond Lake), only residents of the individual neighborhood (clarification: membership participation) may vote for the elector/alternate of that neighborhood.

Electors should be selected according to the following criteria:

- The elector should be a neighborhood resident who:
 - has an interest in the NRP
 - is willing to review the Voter's Guide and attend the appropriate candidate forums (the at-large forum and one for the appropriate neighborhood category) and the election
 - is willing to question candidates about their qualifications; and
 - is willing to discuss the candidate options with other neighborhood residents.
- Neighborhood organizations are encouraged to select electors at a well-publicized open meeting in order to maximize participation by neighborhood residents.
- Electors will vote for one at-large neighborhood representative to the Policy Board and one neighborhood representative from their neighborhood category (i.e. protection, revitalization, redirection) at the election.
- Electors must be at least 18 years-old and a resident of Minneapolis as of November 20, 2003.
- Neighborhood organizations should also select an elector alternate to vote if the elector is unable to do so.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, November 13, 2003

The names of electors and alternates must be submitted on the Elector Registration Form to the League of Women Voters. The form must be signed by the chair or co-chair of the neighborhood organization board.

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2. CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT

Neighborhood organizations and residents are asked to recruit qualified candidates to run for the NRP Policy Board. In particular, members of underrepresented groups should be encouraged to run.

- Candidates for the Policy Board must be a Minneapolis resident and at least 21 years old when their term of office begins if elected (January 2004).
- Four neighborhood representatives and four alternates will be elected to serve one-year terms on the NRP Policy Board. One representative and one alternate will be elected from each of the three neighborhood types (i.e. protection, revitalization, redirection) and one representative and one alternate will be elected at-large. The candidates receiving the second highest vote count in each category will be the alternate for that category.
- Nominations from the floor and write-in nominations will not be allowed.
- No candidate endorsements or testimonials will be allowed.
- Only neighborhood representatives on the Policy Board are elected. Neighborhood representatives on the NRP Management Review Team are appointed by the neighborhood representatives who sit on the Policy Board.
- Candidates for the Policy Board may not serve as electors for their neighborhood.
- Candidates who want to be included in the Voter's Guide and candidate forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters will be asked to sign a waiver prohibiting them from raising money, conducting phone banks and producing campaign literature of any kind.
- Candidates will be asked to participate in a candidate forum for their neighborhood category. Forums will be held Thursday, November 20, 2003 *(the same evening as the election)* as follows:

At-Large Candidate Forum, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Protection Candidate Forum, 8:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Revitalization Candidate Forum, 8:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Redirection Candidate Forum, 8:15 – 9:00 p.m.

- Candidate filing forms will be available beginning August 19, 2003 at the following locations:
 - Your neighborhood organization office
 - Minneapolis Public Libraries
 - Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, 304 City Hall
 - League of Women Voters, 333-6319
 - NRP Office, 673-5140
 - NRP web site at www.nrp.org

CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE: NOON on Friday, September 19, 2003

Day care, translation and/or transcription services will be available for candidate forums and the election upon advance request.