



The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program

VOTER'S GUIDE

**For Neighborhood Representative Seats
on the 2007 NRP Policy Board**

Candidate Information and Questionnaire Responses

Compiled by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis NRP

As part of the election process, NRP Policy Board candidates were asked to respond to the following questions in 100 words or less:

1. How have your life / work experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?
2. What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?
3. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP Process?
4. How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?
5. Name one thing you would like to work on if elected.
6. Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?
7. Please list any community-based organization with which you are currently involved.
8. Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Published candidate responses have been retyped but otherwise remain intentionally unedited by those who compiled this guide.

The Voter's Guide is compiled by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis NRP to provide information to City residents about those candidates seeking a Neighborhood Representative seat on the 2007 NRP Policy Board. Candidates are running in one of four categories: At-Large, Protection, Revitalization, or Redirection. Electors selected by each neighborhood organization to vote on behalf of each neighborhood will vote for one representative and one alternate to sit on the NRP Policy Board from their neighborhood category and for an at-large representative and alternate.

The NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representative candidate forums / election will begin at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 on the second floor of the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Avenue South. One candidate forum will be held in each of the four categories. Candidates will introduce themselves and respond to questions submitted by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis and audience members. Candidate forums are moderated by LWV members and are free and open to the public.

The Crown Roller Mill Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Parking is available on the street, in surface parking lots and in the Gateway and Depot ramps. **However, NRP will NOT reimburse parking fees.** To request language interpretation or childcare services during the election events, please call 612-673-5150 by December 1, 2006. For more information about the NRP Policy Board election process, call the LWV at 612-333-6319. For bus information, call the MTCO Bus Line at 612-373-333.



Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board Candidate Forums and Election

WHEN:

*Tuesday, December 12, 2006
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.*

WHERE:

*Crown Roller Mill Building
105 Fifth Avenue South
Minneapolis*

THE AGENDA:

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| 6:30 – 7:00 | Registration of Electors and Elector Alternates
Meet the Candidates Social <i>Refreshments Served</i>
Rules Presentation by League of Women Voters |
| 7:00 – 7:45 | At-Large Candidate Forum & Voting |
| 8:00 – 8:45 | Revitalization Neighborhoods Candidate Forum & Voting
Protection Neighborhoods Candidate Forum & Voting
Redirection Neighborhoods Candidate Forum & Voting |

Revitalization Neighborhood Representative Candidates

Beverly Conerton
Rebecca Gullickson
Mark Hinds
Ryan Marth

The Revitalization Neighborhood electors will select a representative and alternate from the list of candidates above.

REVITALIZATION NEIGHBORHOODS

Bancroft
Beltrami
Bottineau
Bryant
CARAG
Cedar Riverside-West Bank
Cleveland
Cooper
Corcoran
Ericsson
Field
Folwell
Hiawatha
Holland
Howe
Jordan
Keewaydin
Kingfield
Lind-Bohanon
Logan Park
Longfellow

Loring Park
Lowry Hill East
Marcy-Holmes
McKinley
Minnehaha
Morris Park
Northeast Park
Northrup
Powderhorn Park
Regina
Seward
Southeast Como
Standish
Webber-Camden
Wenonah
Windom Park

Revitalization Neighborhood Candidate Beverly Conerton



Address: 3644 46th Avenue South (55406)
Occupation: Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Protection Division
Minnesota Attorney General's Office
Neighborhood: Howe
Years in Neighborhood: 8
Years in Minneapolis: 34
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E-mail:

How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have been actively involved with Longfellow Community council - as a volunteer, as a member of the board of directors, and as a board officer. This experience has given me the opportunity to learn in a active way the role of neighborhood organizations and the importance of citizen participation in decisions that affect their lives. My work as an attorney has helped me to develop skills in problem solving and advocacy. As a neighborhood representative on the Policy Board, I would be able to use my experience on behalf of neighborhoods.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

NRP's strength is that it provides neighborhoods with the tools and resources to identify neighborhood problems and priorities and to find solutions unique to the neighborhood. NRP has also strengthened the neighborhood organization's ability to be both a forum for identifying community needs and desires and an advocate for implementing neighborhood goals.

NRP's weakness is that it does not have a secure source of funding into the future. Without a reliable funding source after 2009, neighborhoods will have fewer resources to implement neighborhood priorities after completing implementation of their Phase II Plans.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have been actively involved with the Longfellow Community Council (LCC) both in the implementation of its NRP Phase I Plan and with preparation of its Phase II Plan.

LCC Board member: 1999-2002(Board secretary) and 2005-present(Board president from April 2005-April 2006).

Co-Chair, LCC's NRP Phase II Steering Committee: 2005-2006. The Steering Committee coordinated the community outreach, drafting, and preparation of the NRP Phase II Plan, which was approved by the community in September 2006.

Co-Chair, LCC's Purina Task Force (2005-present) - for redevelopment of the former Purina Site; helping draft a Community Benefits Agreement.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I plan to send regular email updates to neighborhood associations on NRP issues and the actions of the NRP Policy Board. I would also be available to come to neighborhood board meetings to discuss NRP issues and obtain neighborhood input on NRP issues. I would also encourage feedback from neighborhoods through email or phone contact.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

One of the most critical issues for NRP is to secure funding after 2009. The Future Funding Task Force Report, presented to the Policy Board in April 2006, contains a number of options for future funding of NRP. The Policy Board's decision on future funding will likely be made next year. My priority will be to actively engage neighborhoods in discussion on the future of NRP and NRP funding. It is critical that the voice of neighborhoods be heard as this important discussion is happening.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I am running for a seat on the Policy Board because I believe that neighborhoods need to be more involved in deciding NRP's future. Neighborhood organizations fulfill a vital grass-roots role in citizen engagement. NRP has positively changed the neighborhoods' roles from commenting on proposed decisions that affect neighborhoods to identifying and implementing neighborhood priorities. Neighborhoods need to be actively involved at the table when decisions about NRP's future are being made. My involvement as a neighborhood volunteer and board member and my work as an advocate and problem solver will make me a strong voice for neighborhoods.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

In addition to my work with the Longfellow Community Council (see #3 above), I am involved with the following organizations.

Friends of the Mississippi River-Gorge Steward (volunteer)

Longfellow Garden Club

Twin Cities Bungalow Club- member

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Sierra Club - member

Nature Conservancy - member

Revitalization Neighborhood Candidate

Rebecca Gullickson

Photo not available

Address: 301 Clifton Avenue (55403)

Occupation: Retired

Neighborhood: Loring Park

Years in Neighborhood: 2

Years in Minneapolis: 2

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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

Past experiences of serving on the Minnesota Technology Operating Board and District 715 School Board have provided me with the opportunity to represent small manufacturing companies and the citizens of my community. My responsibilities included: Providing direction to Minnesota Technology for implementing the program for all manufacturers in Minnesota. I was instrumental in revising policy and procedures along with creating new ones for the school district.

As a past owner of a small metal stamping company I have extensive experience in management of finances, human resources, and providing direction for the company.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Strength: Having a very supportive staff that responds to neighborhood needs in a timely manner.

Weaknesses: Recent length of time it takes to receive funds.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

By attending neighborhood Land Use & Livability meetings. As a task force member I was involved in the design of the Loring Hill Guidelines which will become part of our neighborhood NRP Phase II plan.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

First to contact each neighborhood to introduce myself and to get their input as to what their needs are. Then to provide a means by which they can receive assistance with those needs.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

To assist neighborhoods in attaining their goals for their NRP plan.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

To provide representation for the neighborhoods to voice their views & concerns.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Citizens for Loring Park Committee Board of Directors Treasurer
Member of The Women's Club

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

None listed

Revitalization Neighborhood Candidate

Mark Hinds

Photo not available

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Years in Minneapolis: 8
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have a long history of community involvement dating from my youth. I have committed my professional and volunteer life to working in the public sector, with my focus on building stronger communities. I chose to move to Minneapolis after college because I wanted to live in a place with strong, distinct neighborhoods, where people come together to build their community from the ground up.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

I think the NRP's greatest strength is that it involves more Minneapolis citizens in their community than any other program in the City.

I think the main weakness of NRP is that we don't do a good enough job of building bridges between neighborhoods, to share our strengths and skills with each other.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have been involved in the Kingfield Neighborhood Association for the last four years. My involvement has included serving on the board, chairing the Redevelopment Committee and chairing the King Bridge Partnership. The King Bridge Partnership is an innovative partnership Kingfield has with the Bryant Neighborhood to build community connections around the construction of a new pedestrian bridge over I-35W at 40th street.

I am also the Executive Director of the Lyndale Neighborhood Association. In this role I am responsible for working with the board and neighborhood to implement all aspects of Lyndale's NRP plan.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I am already constantly striving to find opportunities to build partnerships with other neighborhoods around the city. If elected, I will continue my work to connect with other neighborhoods to gather their input on decisions facing the policy board.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

I would like to work on finding a solution to the long-term sustainability of NRP and neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I believe we are at a critical juncture in the history of Minneapolis. Over the next few years we will face the choice of continuing to keep Minneapolis' neighborhoods strong or letting them slide back to pre-NRP capacity levels. I believe Minneapolis needs strong neighborhoods to be successful as a city and that the Policy Board can have a direct impact on keeping our neighborhoods strong and vibrant.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

I am currently involved as a board member and committee chair with the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. I am also the Executive Director of the Lyndale Neighborhood Association. In addition to the neighborhoods I'm involved with, I also serve on the board of Theatre in the Round, Minneapolis' oldest theatre company.

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Kingfield Neighborhood

- Board member
- Chair, Redevelopment Committee
- Chair, King Bridge partnership
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Lyndale Neighborhood

- Executive Director

Revitalization Neighborhood Candidate RYAN MARTH



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Occupation: Attorney

Neighborhood: Keewaydin

Years in Neighborhood: 3

Years in Minneapolis: 6

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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

My entire adult life has been characterized by community involvement and advocacy. During college, I led the St. Olaf College Democrats for four years. Among our accomplishments were orchestrating two record-breaking voter-registration drives and leading a community group opposed to big-box development. I continued my involvement when I moved into Nokomis East by volunteering for the Business Development Committee and winning election to the Board of Director. My activities on the NENA Board have included participation in the light rail station area planning process, through which I experienced first hand the value of neighbors' input in community development.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Strengths: NRP's ability to empower neighbors to help shape the future development of their neighborhoods. By empowering citizens, NRP helps people find grassroots solutions to citywide and neighborhood challenges.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have served nearly two years on the Nokomis East Board of Directors and Business Development Committee. I also have completed one year as an alternate neighborhood representative for revitalization

neighborhoods. As I indicated above, my time at NENA familiarized me with the community involvement process and the value of neighbors' contributions to development and other challenges. These NENA experiences have guided me in my first year on the Policy Board, as I have sought to advocate for a continued, strong voice for neighbors

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I am always available by email or telephone to discuss the proceedings of the Policy Board. I would also like to establish an email list to inform neighborhoods of Policy Board proceedings and their implications for Revitalization neighborhoods.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

On the Policy Board, I would like to advocate for a permanent, reliable source of funding for neighborhoods. I would also like to arrange a neighborhood fair or get-together where different neighborhoods can share their successes and challenges and the projects they've completed.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I love this city! Through my community involvement, I understand that strong neighborhoods are the foundation for building a city that is a great place to live, work, and play. I am running for a seat on the Policy Board to ensure that this foundation remains strong into the future.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Nokomis East Neighborhood Association
SD 62 DFL

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

- Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P.
- Board of Directors, Nokomis East Neighborhood Association
- SD62 DFL
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota
- University of Minnesota Alumni Association
- Board Member, Associates' campaign for the Fund for the Legal Aid Society

Redirection Neighborhood Representative Candidates

**Thomas Bissen
Jason Damberg
Carol Ann Pass**

The Redirection Neighborhood electors will select a representative and alternate from the list of candidates.

REDIRECTION NEIGHBORHOODS

**Central
Elliot Park
Harrison
Hawthorne
Lyndale
Near North
Phillips –Ventura Village
Phillips – EPIC
Phillips – Midtown
Phillips – West
St. Anthony East
Sheridan
Stevens Square-Loring Heights
Whittier
Willard Hay**

Redirection Neighborhood Candidate

THOMAS BISSEN



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Years in Neighborhood: 12
Years in Minneapolis: 12
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have an extensive banking & finance background. As an eight year Whittier Alliance board member, I have served 4 years as treasurer, RPO Chair, Bylaws and NRP task force chair. I also served as treasurer of the Old St. Anthony Business Association for 5 years. I am a 12 year rental property owner in Whittier

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Its success in citizen participation and revitalization of neighborhoods has been studied nationally and internationally. Potential weakness is not allowing the neighborhoods the empowerment that has made the program such a success and long term funding.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I was on the NRP Phase I and II task force. I am a 8 year board member and executive member. I also do our loan inspections.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

Continue my involvement in the Whittier Alliance and outreach to the other redirection neighborhoods.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

Long term financing for NRP. Each and every neighborhood needs to be involved with this process to ensure the survival of NRP.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I have seen the success and the positive influence this program has had on Minneapolis neighborhoods and wish to be a part of that continued success.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Whittier Alliance
Minneapolis Downtown Council

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

No paid
Unpaid - Whittier Alliance
NRP Policy Board

Redirection Neighborhood Candidate Jason Damberg



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Neighborhood: Stevens Square
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Years in Minneapolis: 3
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I've been a resident of the Steven's Square neighborhood for more than 3 years. I've served on the Steven's Square Community Organization (SSCO) board of directors since August of 2005. As the current Treasurer and a board member, I see firsthand exactly how important the NRP is to Neighborhoods. I also successfully completed the Community Leadership Institute from the University of St. Thomas.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

A major strength of NRP is that it empowers neighborhoods, through funding and guidance, to make future plans a reality. However, the NRP could go even further. I would like to see this program expand statewide.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I was appointed to the SSCO Board of Directors from August 2005 to July 2006. While serving on the Board I took part in approving and adopting SSCO's Phase II NRP Plan. In August of 2006, I was elected Treasurer of the SSCO Board of Directors. I chair the Finance committee and head the Fundraising Committee. Additionally, I run the sound equipment for outreach events, the Red Hot Art Festival, and Movies in the Park.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

Maintaining relationships and constant communication are vital for this position. I will immediately start an Internet discussion group with the executive directors and any residents of the 16 Neighborhoods I hope to represent. I'll also make myself available by email, cell phone, and in person at Board meetings to bring updates from the Policy Board.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

I would like to work to keep communities informed and ensure every neighborhood has the resources it needs to implement their NRP plans.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I want to ensure that the 16 neighborhoods I hope to represent will be well informed and have their voices heard loud and clear. I want to work with our elected officials to make sure this critical program continues to receive full funding.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Stevens Square Community Organization

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Stevens Square Community Organization

Redirection Neighborhood Candidate

CAROL ANN PASS



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Occupation: Retired Teacher

Neighborhood: East Phillips

Years in Neighborhood: 30

Years in Minneapolis: 31

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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have lived in Phillips Neighborhood for 30 years, raised my two sons here (one teaches at North High and the other teaches in St. Paul) and have always been immersed in my very multicultural neighborhood and its needs and issues. My latest successful effort was to help build a coalition of my Hispanic, Somali, Native American, African American and white neighbors to lobby the state legislature for \$3.5 million to build a much needed Community Center for East Phillips Park. Since I have been president of East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) the board has finally begun to reflect the demographics of the neighborhood and to serve those groups, fund raising for the Hispanic Baseball league, creating affordable home ownership for the full spectrum of people here. I have chaired the East Phillips Commons Redevelopment, which produced a beautiful apartment building and served on the Village In Phillips Board, which built 28 lovely, affordable townhomes whose residents reflect almost every group in Phillips. A recent effort is beginning the creation of a multilingual Home Block Nurse program here, something only wealthier neighborhoods have, but which is more needed here. My experience in Phillips and my passion has been that no group and no issue should remain un-served by the neighborhood organization; however, I thoroughly understand how hard that is to achieve in an undercapitalized neighborhood.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Strengths: The great strength of NRP is its admin. and implementation funding for the most local level of governance, the neighborhoods, and the freedom allowed them in decision-making in the use of their own funds. This is what has contributed most to citizen participation and the revitalization of all sectors of the city. I am convinced that trying to organize participation without the possibility of actually implementing something important is a "fool's errand", but giving ordinary people meaningful control over assets with which they can better their lives and beautify their surroundings brings volunteers out of the woodwork. NRP has resoundingly confirmed this for me and many others.

Weaknesses: The uncertain future of funding has created a loss of esprit, burn out and a sense of a lack of city support. This has hurt efforts at building participation and created an overall sense that neighborhoods are paddling upstream against the currents at city hall. Changing this would help bring back the earlier passionate sense of partnership with the downtown city government.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I served on the Phillips NRP Housing Board for two years, served on the NRP Implementation Board, helped rebuild a new organization when People of Phillips failed, was treasurer of EPIC for three years and am now president, have chaired major housing and redevelopment projects in the neighborhood, which were accomplished with NRP dollars, and have been an NRP Rep to the NRP Policy Board for four years. I helped create our Housing Rehab Lottery and First Time Homebuyers Grants, using NRP funds to leverage other dollars. Many people who have been here through these times credit these efforts with literally saving the livability of East Phillips and our business district on Lake Street. I am very proud that my efforts and those of our residents have, with the help of NRP, moved home ownership here from about 13% to nearly 35%, all of it affordable

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I hope to continue to work on building relationships with folks all over the city and spend time listening to the concerns, hopes, accomplishments, and needs of neighborhood folks from all neighborhood types, but especially those of "impacted" neighborhoods. I have continuously visited many neighborhoods and many people throughout the city have conversed face-to-face with me about concerns, a main one being their continued need for future and consistent funding, especially those neighborhoods for whom NRP has been a life line of major importance. Face-to-face is my preferred mode and I hope to continue to do that. I also hope to improve connections and collaborations between the other Redirection and "impacted" neighborhoods, so we can better empower and assist one another. This will take going to more Jordan and North side meetings and conversations.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

- Of primary importance to all "impacted" neighborhoods and those near that status is to ensure the continued and adequate funding of NRP. This means retaining remaining Phase I funds and securing adequate Phase II funds, but also working to make NRP a permanent part of the city governance and budgetary structure.
- Equally important, work to safe guard and guarantee continued neighborhood control of the implementation of these funds. This means working toward the central city government's full embracing of a clear partnership between the most local and the most central organs of governance and working to make that meaningful.
- Work on greater connection and knowledge/strategy sharing between neighborhoods.
- Work to build a more unified neighborhood political voice to help these things to happen and strongly represent this voice at the NRP Policy Board

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I know I will always show up at every meeting and be a strong voice for the funding and decision-making authority of all the neighborhoods, but particularly the "impacted" neighborhoods. I believe I have been especially good at bringing forward the special concerns of these neighborhoods. I have become more effective in the time I have served on the board and, in these next years when the longevity of the NRP is up for grabs, I believe experience and boldness are needed. My commitment to "grass roots" decision-making and recognition of the value of local volunteerism has always been key and I have seen and been a part of what that can accomplish. I have consistently been there and been vigilant for these concerns and would like to continue.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

NRP Policy Board
East Phillips Improvement Coalition, current President
Midtown Greenway Coalition
Weed and Seed
Bloomington/Cedar/Lake Commercial Association
Bloomington Avenue Citizens' Patrol, founding member
Park Avenue Methodist Church
Hispanic Baseball League, fundraiser
Lake Street Council
University of Minnesota Alumni Assoc.

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

All positions noted in #7 are unpaid

Protection Neighborhood Candidates Candidates

**Brock Hanson
Jeffrey L Strand
Carletta F Sweet**

The Protection Neighborhood electors will select a representative and alternate from the list of candidates.

PROTECTION NEIGHBORHOODS

**Armatage
Audubon Park
Bryn-Mawr
Cedar-Isles-Dean
Columbia Park
Diamond Lake
Downtown East
Downtown West
East Harriet-Farmstead
East Isles
ECCO
Fulton
Hale
Kenny
Kenwood-Isles
Linden Hills
Lowry Hill**

**Lynnhurst
Marshall Terrace
Nicollet Island-East Bank
North Loop-Warehouse District
Page
Prospect Park East River Road
St. Anthony West
Shingle Creek
Tangletown
Victory
Waite Park
West Calhoun
Windom**

Protection Neighborhood Candidate

Brock Douglas Hanson

Photo not available

Address: 4923 Vincent Avenue North (55430)

Occupation: Delivery Driver

Neighborhood: Shingle Creek

Years in Neighborhood: 1½

Years in Minneapolis: 20

Phone: *not available*

E-mail: *not available*

How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I am a life long resident of Minneapolis have grown up in the Central and Field neighborhoods, I now live and own a house in the Shingle Creek neighborhood. In 2000, I took a three-month solo-backpacking trip through Europe. I found myself looking at the lay out of the cities and when I returned I looked a Minneapolis through a new light. In 2005, I graduated with a double major from the University of Minnesota-Duluth; the degrees that I received were in Political Sciences Public Policy and Urban Regional Studies. To complete my Urban Regional Studies degree I worked on an internship for one of the City Councilmen on a downtown land use Study.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

I would consider some of the strengths of NRP to be its support to local neighborhoods and their organizations, which it gives neighborhoods a chance to have input into the development that happens in their communities. That it is used as a process to bring all of the forces within the city together crossing political boundaries. As with all things some time the strengths can also be its weaknesses. This happens when neighborhoods are divided and fight between themselves for funds.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have been elected onto the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Board and also into the office of Secretary. The Neighborhood is working with the city and park system on a land swap. We are also investing in the neighborhood youth, with the Youth Engagement Program, which has youth mapping where they frequent and working on presentations for what they have found out.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

As a board member to SCNA, I keep up to date as to what is happening there, I also sit on the board for the Northside Neighborhood Alliance, which keeps me in touch with the other neighborhoods in north Minneapolis. Having grown up and worked on the southern end of Minneapolis I have maintained contact with people in the Field, Tangletown, Bancroft and many other neighborhoods.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

I would like to improve the community participation of my peer group. I am in that age group that is moving into this neighborhood. Which according to PRIZM is a blue collar, first time homeowner, either lower educated, or has just graduated from post-secondary. This group is buying many of the homes in the area and looks at it as a stop over before moving out to the suburbs. I would like to work to keep them here in Minneapolis.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I am running for a seat on the Policy Board so that I can work to improve the image of Minneapolis, advocate for the neighborhoods of Minneapolis, educate myself in real world applications of government policy, and to network across the communities of Minneapolis.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

SCNA
NNA
Bethel Church Softball Team
BSA Troop 120

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

SCNA
NNA
Bethel Church Softball Team
BSA Troup 120
Many Point Scout Camp Alumni Association

Protection Neighborhood Candidate

JEFFREY L STRAND



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Years in Minneapolis: 28
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have prior Policy Board service and experience from 2001-2002 and 2004-2006. If reelected, the Protection Neighborhoods will have an experienced representative on the Policy Board during this critical time when Minneapolis is reviewing community engagement and future funding for the NRP. Neighborhood representatives need to be tough negotiators, but also capable of constructing compromises with public officials and community interest representatives. I twice served as vice chair of the Policy Board during my terms of service.

I am grateful for 12 years of service on the Minneapolis Capital Long-range Improvement Committee (CLIC), working with 32 other city residents/taxpayers appointed from all wards. Working on CLIC to prepare the annual capital budget and 5-Year Capital Program recommendations under different administrations reinforced for me the importance of listening and learning what others need and value to achieve compromise. I have learned to articulate arguments for those programs and projects deemed critical. Over the years, my CLIC colleagues elected me to serve on the Minneapolis Water Works Citizen Advisory Committee and to chair the Transportation & Property Services Task Force. During the 2006 term I served as vice chair, assisting chair Anthony Hofstede with performing the administrative functions for CLIC.

I strive for a balanced approach among family, community, and work life. My professional work has given me the opportunity to deal with diverse customers and stakeholders, meeting new and interesting challenges every day. In my work, I strive for quality, continuous improvement, and high ethical standards. I enjoy working with people who take a "can do" approach instead of a "can't do" approach to life and work.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

The greatest strength of the NRP is its "People Power", that is the invaluable work of engaged residents doing neighborhood-based planning and visioning work to improve the quality of life in the City of Minneapolis. Every neighborhood action plan that comes to the Policy Board embodies creativity and innovation from the democratic process of plan development in the community. The accomplishments of the NRP neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our city by its reinvestment in our people and our infrastructure have drawn observers from across the country and around the world seeking to emulate the success we have achieved right here.

Despite a decade and one-half, one of the key weaknesses of the NRP remains the failure of municipal organizations to embrace and integrate neighborhood-based planning and approved Action Plans into their budgeting processes and systems. The lack of a diversified funding stream for NRP and the greatly diminished funding stream for Phase II since the 2001 tax reform are weaknesses that the Future Funding Task Force, on which I served, hope to remedy through City Council/Mayor action and/or state legislation.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have been engaged with other community volunteers in neighborhood activism in the Shingle Creek neighborhood and the Camden Community since the early 1990's. I helped found the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association (SCNA) in 1992. I was elected to the SCNA board in 1992 and have served continuously as a director. In 2006 I stepped down as SCNA board chair after serving about 10 years, but currently serve as the board vice chair. Shingle Creek has been extremely prudent in the expenditure of its Phase I and Phase II NRP funds, working to leverage the maximum from other sources, and caring a great deal about community engagement, environmental and financial stewardship. I have represented the neighborhood's interests at public meetings, at the City Council, the Park Board, the School Board, and a committee of the Minnesota Legislature.

In addition to the SCNA, I have participated in the following projects and organizations: Minneapolis Industrial Land Use and Policy Study Steering Committee; Camden Alliance of Neighborhoods; CommonBond Communities' Shingle Creek Commons senior housing Community Board; Humboldt Industrial Park Planning, Visioning and Greening process; Neighbors for Neighborhoods; Penn Lowry Lyndale Implementation Council; Humboldt Greenway Citizens Advisory Committee; Mississippi Corridor Neighborhoods Coalition; ad hoc task force to oppose closing Shingle Creek School.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I pledge to remain accessible to neighborhood representatives and other stakeholders to be an effective representative for the residents of Minneapolis working through their respective neighborhood organizations. I pledge to continue work on development of future funding for the program and to advocacy for NRP continuation beyond 2009.

Keeping neighborhood folks informed through the timely publication of Policy Board agendas and meeting minutes on the NRP web site continues to be key, along with the free subscriptions for email notification process. While neighborhood representatives are not provided with any privileges or budget for communications the "NRP Link" remains a viable method for dissemination of program and Policy Board information to all neighborhood residents.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

The critical business item for 2007 is to continue the work to ensure that the NRP continues beyond 2009. The participating jurisdictions need to agree to provide adequate funding and support for the 2007-2009 period. City officials must engage the NRP as the city evaluates and considers reforms for its citizen participation processes during the remainder of 2006 and into 2007.

I am optimistic that wise policy makers in the participating jurisdictions ultimately will move to maintain the NRP beyond 2009. However, if progress is not made in 2007 to secure future funding for the program's Phase II, then I consider it prudent of neighborhoods to develop contingency plans to ensure the financial viability of their nonprofit organizations in a "post NRP" era. Director Robert Miller sounded the alert when he wrote in the NRP 5-Year Plan about the NRP potentially closing its doors.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

If elected as the 2007 Protection representative to serve on the Policy Board, I pledge to again devote my personal energy and time to serve the interests of the neighborhoods, to attend the Policy Board meetings and briefings, and to attend to work between meetings. I have the experience to work with elected officials, community interests, other neighborhood representatives, and various stakeholders to craft solutions about future funding and governance of NRP.

Because of my background, I am sensitive to the needs of neighborhoods when it comes to NRP policy implementation. I pledge to continue oversight of the NRP administration and budget to ensure that needs of the neighborhoods are met by the program. For example, in this period the orderly progression of neighborhoods through Phase II Action Plan development and review in a timely, respectful manner is especially important. The Policy Board needs to engage with the Mayor and City council as Minneapolis community engagement and citizen participation is evaluated or redesigned.

I contemplated not seeking another term. Following conversations with my peers, I concluded that if the electors desire to make use of my talents, that I am willing to serve another term.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

- Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association, Director and Board Chair
- Shingle Creek Commons Senior Housing Facility Community Board

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Paid: Supervisory Manager, Hennepin County

Unpaid:

- Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association
- Minneapolis Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee
- Cardinal Stritch University, School of Business, student
- Community Board, CommonBond Shingle Creek Commons
- Minneapolis Water Works' Citizen Advisory Committee
- Minneapolis DFL Party and Stonewall DFL
- Minneapolis-Moline Collectors, Inc., club photographer and member
- Hart-Parr Oliver Collector's Association, club member
- Pioneer Power, Inc., Hanley Falls, MN, club member
- Minnesota Public Radio, member
- Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, donor
- Camden Community News (intermittent writer)

Protection Neighborhood Candidate Carletta F Sweet



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Years in Minneapolis: 15

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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

The knowledge and skills I have gained from being a paralegal, real estate appraiser, and executive assistant for an international management consulting firm, as well as my earnest involvement with neighborhood and nonprofit organizations dedicated to finding solutions related to land use development, environmental impact, crime and safety, business development, and affordable housing will enable me to perform the role of a neighborhood representative.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Strengths: Strong executive leadership, knowledgeable and committed staff, and overall organization concern for improving the social and economic well-being of Minneapolis' diverse communities.

Weaknesses: Limited financial resources to accomplish more neighborhood development and insufficient recruitment resources focused on encouraging greater citizen participation.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

Joined the Downtown Minneapolis Residents Association's (the pre-NRP predecessor to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association) Downtown Development task force in 1996 to assist in formulating

the goals and objectives for its NRP First Step Plan. Thereafter was elected to the newly-named Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association in 1998 and have continuously served on the board (currently as Vice Chair and Chair of the NRP Implementation Committee) to execute the neighborhood vision as expressed in the Action Plan adopted by the City Council in February 2002, and to address the emerging concerns of today's downtown residents, workers and visitors.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

If not considered contrary to NRP policies, plan to continue serving on the DMNA board if re-elected in November 2006. If not re-elected to the board, will continue serving on DMNA's Crime and Safety, Land Use, and NRP Implementation Committees. Will also continue serving on CPED's Industry Square Project Committee and affiliating with the East Downtown Council.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

Encourage and strengthen citizen engagement and empowerment, particularly within neighborhoods comprised primarily of immigrants, persons of color, and low-income households.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

The concept of the NRP (i.e., empowering neighborhoods to improve the livability of their communities) exemplifies my own social values and, by performing a governance role over the activities of the organization in fulfillment of its objectives, I can help continue the improvement that the NRP has stimulated in the Minneapolis neighborhoods over the past 15 years and help ensure organization resources are used as effectively as possible.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Board Vice Chair of Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT)
Board Vice Chair of Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association
Chair of CPED's Industry Square Project Committee

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

No paid affiliations

For unpaid affiliations, see answer to Question 7 above.

At-Large Neighborhood Representative Candidates

**Rosie Cruz
Debbie Evans
Anna Iwachiw
Garrett A Johnson
Nicholas T Kakos**

***Representing all of the Minneapolis neighborhoods
participating in the NRP***

At-Large Neighborhood Candidate

Rosie Cruz

Photo not available

Address: 2935 16th Avenue (55407)

Occupation:

Neighborhood: East Phillips

Years in Neighborhood:

Years in Minneapolis:

Phone: 722-4556

E-mail:

How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have worked in the neighborhood organizing my Hispanic neighbors for years. I am raising my children here. I believe the city should have some Latino representation.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

It provides funding directly to the people for making decisions.

We could use more funding.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I am on the board and have built Latino participation.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I will continue to bring more Hispanics to the table all over the city.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

Housing and kids programs.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

To represent the Hispanic Community.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

East Phillips Improvement Coalition

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

None listed

At-Large Neighborhood Candidate DEBBIE EVANS



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Years in Minneapolis: 18
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

My service as a LHiNC board member and former board co-chair, founding member of Neighbors for Neighborhoods, volunteer coordinator of community projects, and an NRP Management Review Team (MRT) Representative helped prepare me for serving on the Policy Board.

As the At-Large Neighborhood Representative for the past three years, I have been an energetic, consistent advocate for neighborhoods. I have strongly supported and worked intensively to ensure that resident participation is part of the decision-making processes of the City and to secure a revenue stream for NRP. I approach my work with energy, enthusiasm and follow through. I am a representative that you can count on!

A neighborhood representative is responsible for informing neighborhoods of concerns and opportunities, and encouraging them to become involved. *I CONTINUE TO STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR NRP FUNDS TO BE USED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD-IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES AND FOR FUTURE FUNDING FOR NRP.*

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Strengths: Margaret Mead said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has". Resident empowerment is the essence of NRP. Through NRP, residents have made giant strides in improving their neighborhoods and building a sense of community.

Neighborhood organizations have used NRP funds to leverage more than a **HALF BILLION ADDITIONAL DOLLARS...\$500,000,000 of investment in our neighborhoods.**

Weaknesses: The uncertainty of future funding for NRP has generated volunteer frustration and burnout and excessive turnover. The full potential of NRP will only be realized when elected officials view NRP and neighborhoods as their partners and not as a funding source to balance their budgets.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have co-chaired the LHiNC board and served on all of LHiNC's standing committees, chairing several of them. Since 1997, I have been editor of the *Linden Hills Line*. I have been actively involved in my neighborhood's First Step, Phase I and Phase II planning, implementation and review processes. I helped to implement almost all of LHiNC's NRP projects, including the 44th St./PATH Project. I have secured extensive matching funds for neighborhood NRP dollars. I have worked closely with the Park Board, the Library Board, the public schools and the City's CPED, Finance, and Public Works Departments and have experienced the challenges of each.

I have served on the MRT; on the Policy Board as the Protection Neighborhood Alternate, and most recently the At-Large Neighborhood Representative; and on the Board's Focus Minneapolis Working Group, Nominating Committee and Bylaws Task Force. Since its inception, I have served on the Task Force on Continuation of NRP intensively exploring long-term NRP funding sources both at the Task Force level as well as individually with City, County and State elected officials. This past year, I met with Council members to advocate for what became the successful passage of the Program Income ordinance, ensuring that the **interest and income resulting from neighborhoods organizations' wise investments in their neighborhoods do not get redirected into the City's budget, but stay in their neighborhoods.** In my three years on the Policy Board, I have had one of the best attendance records. I have attended every Policy Board briefing and missed only one Policy Board meeting (due to the death of my sister). I take my responsibilities as your representative seriously.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

I am committed to communicating with neighborhoods regarding important Policy Board issues. I will continue to meet and work with neighborhood staff, board members and neighborhood leaders from all neighborhood types. I will continue to inform neighborhoods of important NRP issues and be a source of support for neighborhoods during their Phase I Plan Review and their Phase II planning and implementation processes. I have been and will continue to be readily available to neighborhood volunteers and staff and

host meetings/events to disseminate and/or exchange information. I will continue to be **your advocate** on the Policy Board. As I have done this past year, I will continue to facilitate and elicit neighborhood responses to elected officials on the very important decisions being made regarding NRP's future and your neighborhood's funds.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

I have had, and will continue to have, two priorities. I will work to:

1. **Ensure that NRP funds are directed by neighborhoods and that the needs of the neighborhoods are strongly advocated at the Policy Board level.**
2. **ENSURE CONTINUED FUNDING OF NRP AND NEIGHBORHOODS.** This **can and must** be done.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

There is a lot of work yet to do to support neighborhoods at the Policy Board level. I have a deep respect for neighborhood volunteers. I have been and will continue to be a strong and ever present advocate for neighborhoods and their investment of volunteer time and energy. As a Neighborhood Representative, I will be a constant reminder to the Policy Board that government is here to help meet the needs that residents cannot meet by themselves.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

NRP Policy Board, At-Large Neighborhood Representative
Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC), Board Member & former Co-chair
LHiNC Communications Committee, Chair
Linden Hills Line Newsletter, Editor
Neighbors for Neighborhoods, Member
Animal Humane Society, Foster Parent

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Marketing Promotions Manager, HMT Marketing, Inc.
All of the positions in #7 are unpaid.

At-Large Neighborhood Candidate Anne Iwachiw



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Neighborhood: West Phillips
Years in Neighborhood: 30+days
Years in Minneapolis: all my life
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

I have met with a lot of diverse people from all walks of life with all sorts of living and personal issues.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

Strength of NRP you go directly to people and try to get their perspective.

Weakness /never heard of your organization so not well public relations for people to be involved and have input.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I have been in neighborhood security organization. Elected for various offices and committees to represent people and their issues during last 5 years.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

Attend meetings, organizations, get input from residents present them to appropriate officials.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

Better quality of life to eliminate crime to a level where residents feel comfortable.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

I am interested in bringing a better quality of life to residents within this area.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Was involved in 1) project lookout

Resident council president, vice president, secretary, treasurer

Community member on security and diversity organization during 2001 to 2006

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

None a present

At-Large Neighborhood Candidate Garrett A Johnson



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Neighborhood: Elliot Park
Years in Neighborhood: 14
Years in Minneapolis: 24
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How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

Last week I attended a public hearing regarding the Franklin Steele Park renovation at the Minneapolis Park & Recreation headquarters. At our neighborhood board meeting, I asked if we could invite our Park Commissioner to an eminent Building Land Use & Housing meeting. This is not just to discuss the park renovation plan, but also to advance the Neighborhood Commons Initiative introduced in Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (2002) Master Plan. I hope our neighborhood organization will assist in fostering greater cooperation between Park Board planning and the City's 10-year transportation plan. The 12 years I have owned my 6-unit apartment building have taught me a lot about our need for an interactive, engaged group of community organizations.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

NRP allows individual neighborhoods to designate priorities specific to the portion of the city they're in. While many citywide goals have broad appeal, often the ways to achieve them depend on the insight of the people closest to the questions at hand.

The reduction in Phase II allocations of money and uncertainty about funding beyond 2009 has led the neighborhood organization I'm part of to focus a lot of time on sustaining itself. While E.P.N.I. has two

board members who are Somali immigrants, we could do a better job of engaging African-Americans, Hispanics and people who rent the place they call home.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

I'm currently serving my third two-year term on our board of directors. In my first year I was elected treasurer. Last year I was a member of the NRP Phase II plan task force. I served on another task force which directed CDBG funds to start: 1) *Outsider's & Others*, (a neighborhood art gallery on Park Avenue in the Enger Bldg.) 2) Somali-American Friendship Association 3) implementation of EPNI's master plan. I am actively participating in our Building Land Use & Housing committee and plan to attend the October 16 meeting to renew a newly formed "Citizens Organizing Resources and Events". I've attended workshops regarding our neighborhood master plan, a focus on the re-design of Triangle Park on 10th Street at 35W, meetings and a fundraiser for the downtown dog parks and workshops on the 10 year Minneapolis Transportation Plan.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

If elected, I will purchase a dedicated e-mail account. If invited, I am interested in attending board or committee meetings. I am available by telephone afternoons and early evenings.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

Establishing a home loan program for improvements and rehabilitation of existing housing available to all NRP neighborhoods. I'm concerned that my own neighborhood has idled our home loan program for the past couple of years while we consider the possible need to redirect the loan repayments to our general operating budget. I realize CPED, the Center for Energy & the Environment, MFA and other programs exist, but I still think a neighborhood perspective on funding for energy improvements to landscaping is important.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

Our executive director informed us that that filing deadline had been extended because no candidates had filed for the position of Revitalization Neighborhood Representative. While Elliot Park is a Redirection neighborhood, I decided to run for the At-Large position. This is an important time for NRP. As our neighborhood considers a capital campaign with consulting from the Minneapolis Foundation, I would hope to discover ways to sustain the NRP funding we still get. It is my hope that the energy individual citizens bring to our neighborhoods need not be overly obsessed with fundraising.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

Aliveness Project, member & volunteer
Powderhorn Park Neighbors
Church of St. Stephen (2211 Clinton Ave S.)
Elliot Park Neighborhood Inc., board member
Associate chair precinct 7-10 MN DFL
Former Affirmative Action Officer Senate District 60 MN DFL
Contributor to Comité de ISALAH Mpls-Richfield-Bloomington
E.P. Atelier (609 south 10th St.) patron of coffee shop, I like their Thurs eve spoken word open-mike
Patron of the Mpls Eagle (downtown west)
Occasional patron of Palmer's Bar (Cedar-Riverside)
Interfaith Alliance

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Proprietor of Johnson Properties: 622 E. 16th Street (6 apartments since March 1994)
Board Member: Elliot Park Neighborhood Inc.
Stockholder American Funds IRA AMCAP Fund,
The New Economy Fund, New World Fund,
Capital Growth & Income Fund
Recently registered member, Church of St. Stephen
Minneapolis DFL Associate Chair precinct 7-10

NICHOLAS T KAKOS



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Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Neighborhood: East Calhoun

Years in Neighborhood: 60

Years in Minneapolis: life

Phone: 612-825-9709 (mornings)

E-mail: *not available*

How have your life experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative?

Lifetime experience working as a volunteer leader, organizer or director in church, community, school or youth recreation programs has provided me a strong understanding of the needs and capability to work effectively with neighborhood organizations. Having served on the NRP Policy Board the past 10 years has enabled me to learn the many ramifications of the program and provide guidance and direction on an equitable basis for all neighborhoods.

What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the NRP?

The strength of the NRP program is derived from the tremendous volunteer citizen participation enabling neighborhoods to cooperatively determine their own Action Plans in attaining their community's long-term strategic visionary objectives. From an overall viewpoint, there are no significant weaknesses. Policy and procedural changes implemented during the past few years have streamlined the program and greatly reduced previous concerns of high citizen participation turnover and burn-out.

How have you participated in your neighborhood organization and its NRP process?

Served as Chairman of the East Calhoun NRP Steering Committee for three years directly responsible for development of the neighborhood's Phase I Action Plan. Served several terms on East Calhoun Organization's Board of Directors, which was responsible for implementation of the Phase I Action Plan. Also served many years as Chairman of East Calhoun's Zoning Committee.

How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?

Experience has shown it is very difficult to maintain direct communication and attend meetings of all 31 Protection neighborhoods I represented these past 10 years. Currently, all relevant information on issues, policies and directives are very well communicated to the neighborhoods by NRP staff under direction of the Policy Board through its Executive Director. This process has been most effective. Nonetheless, I would make myself available to attend any neighborhood meeting when requested to provide information, counsel, guidance and any assistance when needed.

Name one thing you would like to work on if elected?

The tax revenue changes enacted by the State Legislature in 2001 drastically reduced the total funding available to NRP. Although the Lane Ordinance adopted by the City Council provided a limited source of revenue for NRP, it is not sufficient to satisfy the minimum funding to assure the continuation of the NRP program. Because of my financial background as a C.P.A. and my extensive knowledge of NRP's intricate financial structure, I would make every effort possible to concentrate on securing sufficient funding sources to assure the continuance of the NRP program not only through 2009 but as a permanent program of the City of Minneapolis.

Why are you running for a neighborhood representative seat on the Policy Board?

My 10 years on the NRP Policy Board, including 2 terms as Vice-chairman of the Board, has taught me that the financial structure of NRP is not simple, but complex with many intertwining financial, legal and governmental jurisdictional requirements. With the current financial challenges threatening the viability of NRP, I believe my financial knowledge of NRP, and my experience in analyzing the various options that may be available to NRP would be beneficial to the Policy Board in making decisions to assure a permanent NRP program operated on an independent community driven program operated on a sound, fair and equitable basis for all neighborhoods.

Please list any community-based organizations with which you are currently involved.

NRP Policy Board, Alternate Protection Neighborhood Representative
Fifth District American Legion, Executive, Finance, and Legislative Committees
Hellenic American Legion Post 129, Finance Officer, Board of Directors
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Insurance & Risk Director
Voiture 45 40+8 Veterans Society, Legislative Chairman
Hellenic American Legion Baseball Team, General Manager

Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Affiliation with all the previously listed community-based organizations is on a voluntary non-compensated basis.