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## NRP Policy Board Election set for November 29



Twelve candidates have filed for the four open neighborhood representative seats on the 2002 NRP Policy Board. The 19-member Policy Board provides overall direction to the program and is primarily responsible for the review and approval of Neighborhood Action Plans.

The NRP Policy Board election is held annually in November to fill four neighborhood resident seats on the Board. One candidate is elected to represent each of the three types of NRP neighborhoods: Redirection, Revitalization, and Protection. An At-Large representative is also elected. Neighborhood representatives serve one-year terms beginning in January.

Also serving on the Policy Board are public officials from the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Public Schools, the Library Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board. Five additional seats are held by community interest groups and one seat each goes to a state senator and a state representative.

The election proceedings will begin at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, November 29, 2001 on the second floor of the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Avenue South. Candidate forums will be held prior to the balloting. The At-Large forum will be held at 7:00 p.m., and the redirection, revitalization, and protection forums will begin at 8:15 p.m. Balloting for At-Large candidates will begin at 8:00 p.m., and balloting for the three neighborhood categories will begin at 8:45 p.m. One alternate will also be elected to the Policy Board in each category.

The election proceedings, which are open to the public, will be conducted by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis. Only registered electors representing each of the 80 Minneapolis neighborhoods will be allowed to vote. For more information on the election or the elector selection process, call the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis (LWV) at 612-333-6319 or Carsten Slostad of the NRP at 612-673-5150. See page 2 for a complete list of the NRP Policy Board candidates.

#### Voter's Guides now available

The 2001 Voter's Guide for the NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representative election is now available. Copies can be obtained at Minneapolis Public Libraries, neighborhood organization offices, or by calling the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis at 612-333-6319 or the Minneapolis NRP at 612-673-5150. The Voter's Guide includes all 12 candidates written responses to questions about their backgrounds, views and experiences working with the NRP. The Voter's Guide is also available online (http://nrp.isystems.net/Phase2/vg2001.pdf).



#### NRP Policy Board Report Approved October 22, 2001

- Phase II Participation Agreement for the Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association
- Phase II Participation Agreement for the Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group

# NRP Policy Board elector registration deadline Nov. 21

The deadline for neighborhoods selecting electors and alternates for the upcoming Policy Board election is November 21, 2001. Each Minneapolis neighborhood organization must select an elector and alternate to vote on behalf of its neighborhood on election night November 29. Neighborhood organizations representing more than one neighborhood need to select one elector and alternate from each neighborhood represented by the organization. Electors and alternates **MUST** reside in the neighborhood they are representing. Neighborhood organizations are encouraged to select electors/alternates at a well-publicized open meeting. Electors/alternates must be at least 18 years of age as of November 29, 2001. Elector registration forms have been distributed to all neighborhood organization board chairs. The forms must be completed, signed by the organization board chair or co-chair, and returned to the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis (LWV) office no later than 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2001.

#### NRP Policy Board Candidates at a Glance

At-Large

Jay Allen – Windom Park Ron Ravensborg – Hale Judy Schwartau – Lowry Hill East

#### Redirection

Clareyse Nelson — St. Anthony East Carol Pass — East Phillips Jessica Ruona — Whittier

#### Revitalization

Greg Bastien – Nokomis East (Keewaydin) Julia Burman – Holland Chai Vang – Jordan

#### Protection

Debbie Evans – Linden Hills Nicholas T. Kakos – East Calhoun Jeffrey Strand – Shingle Creek

\* The 2001 NRP Policy Board Voter's Guide containing more detailed information on each of the candidates is now available online at <a href="http://nrp.isystems.net/Phase2/vg2001.pdf">http://nrp.isystems.net/Phase2/vg2001.pdf</a>

#### **Tangletown towers unveiled!**



Residents from the Tangletown Neighborhood Association joined 11th Ward Council Member Doré Mead (fourth from left) as members of the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department unveiled a full-scale model of the new Tangletown towers. The towers will soon be built on all four corners of the Nicollet Avenue bridge crossing W. Minnehaha Parkway in South Minneapolis.

# NRP offering new accessibility workshop on November 3

As the population of older and disabled Minneapolis residents continues to increase, it has become more important than ever to design and build neighborhoods without physical barriers. Inclusive design and accessible housing is the key to better buildings, more useful projects and stronger neighborhoods.

As part of the ongoing NRP Training Series 2001, the NRP is hosting a workshop titled "Access for Everyone" on Saturday, November 3, 2001 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in MCDA Conference Room 3 at the Crown Roller Mill building, 105 5th Ave S., Suite 200. The workshop will provide information on access issues, design standards, accessible housing, changing attitudes and civil rights considerations.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please RSVP by phone to Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 or by email at rthompson@nrp.org. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### **In Brief**

# **Empowerment Zone board seeks to fill vacancy with one Minneapolis EZ resident**

The Minneapolis Empowerment Zone (EZ) is looking for an EZ resident to fill a vacancy on the Governance Board. The Empowerment Zone Governance Board is responsible for implementing the EZ strategic plan and recommending policies that increase the sustainability of the EZ community. The board also makes recommendations on the use of EZ funds and other leveraged resources to Minneapolis' Mayor and City Council on an as needed basis and monitors the development of these projects. The Minneapolis EZ is a federally funded, holistic economic development strategy designed to help develop healthy and sustainable communities in the City's most distressed areas.

The board is comprised of 30 voting members, each serving a three-year term. Thirteen members — seven Minneapolis EZ residents and six from the EZ business community — are appointed by the City Council, using the open-appointment process. The entire board meets on a quarterly basis and each of its sub-committees meets monthly.

One position for an EZ resident is currently vacant. The EZ consists of three districts in portions of Minneapolis including parts of North and Near North, Southeast (industrial district) and an area in South Minneapolis along Lake Street. For more information on EZ boundaries and about the activities of the Empowerment Governance Board, please call Jenny Yanke at 612-673-5444 or visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ez.

Persons may apply on their own behalf or nominate another person. For an application and a position description call the City Clerk's office at 612-673-3358 (hearing impaired persons may call TTD 673-2626 during business hours or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529). The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, November 16, 2001. People of color are especially encouraged to apply. The Empowerment Zone Executive Committee will make a recommendation from the pool of applicants to the City Council for final confirmation.

### **Job Opportunity**

# East Phillips Improvement Coalition seeks Executive Coordinator

The East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) is looking for a creative and experienced community leader to serve as its Executive Coordinator.

EPIC is a progressive young community participation organization emergent in one of the most diverse, inner-core neighborhoods in Minneapolis. Through its strong though small volunteer base, EPIC has created and begun implementation of several impressive redevelopment projects. We are seeking a staff person to work closely with the EPIC volunteer board to assist in the coordination and implementation of these major developments as well as proposing, developing and overseeing additional projects and programs in areas other than housing. This position also has the responsibility for the overall operations of EPIC and the day-to-day administration of the EPIC office and affairs.

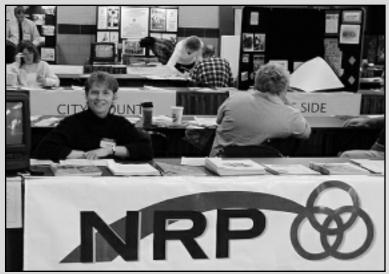
The Executive Coordinator is a salaried, full-time position with some evenings and week-end work required. The salary from \$39,000 to \$45,000 depends on experience and skills. The benefit package includes 15 days of vacation, health and dental plan, and retirement. The EC reports to the Board of Directors via the Chair of the Board, and provides management of all EPIC functions and operations including program and development management, financial management, board and committee coordination, and community relations The preferred candidate should be an energetic, personable, responsible self-starter with strong organizational ability.

This position will remain open until filled. To apply, please send cover letter, resume, references and salary history to:

Glory Gloudemans, EPIC Chair, 2715 Cedar Ave. S. Minneapolis. MN 55404 or FAX to 612-724-8489

Phone inquireies should be made to: 612-724-8489 or 612-721-4509.

#### NRP attends Annual NEBA Conference



Neighborhood Specialist Stacy Sorenson staffed the NRP table at the Northeast Business Association Conference held at the Northeast Minneapolis Armory on October 27.

#### November 2001 Calendar of Events -

- 1 Minneapolis Public Library Board Candidate Forum 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Central Library Heritage Hall, 300 Nicollet Mall Call the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis at 612-333-6319 for more information.
- 3 NRP Training Series 2001: "Access for Everyone" 8:30 11:30 a.m. Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Ave. S. See page 2 or call Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 for info.
- 12 Veteran's Day observed City offices closed
- 16 Empowerment Zone Board application deadline See page 3 for more information.
- 19 NRP Policy Board meeting 4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.
- 21 NRP Policy Board elector registration filing deadline See page 2 for more information or call the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis at 612-333-6319.

22-23 Thanksgiving holiday

City offices closed

- **26 December Link submission deadline** Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.
- 29 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting 4:30-6:30 p.m., 333 City Hall
- 29 NRP Policy Board Election and Candidate Forums 6:30 9:00 p.m., 2nd floor, Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Brett at 612-673-5158 or see front page for more information.

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