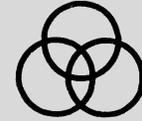


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Neighborhood representative election for seats on NRP Policy Board Nov. 20

Fourteen candidates are running to fill four neighborhood representative seats on the 2004 NRP Policy Board. The 19-member board provides overall direction to the program and is primarily responsible for the review and approval of neighborhood action plans. In the past year, NRP Policy Board members have also played a key role in several important decisions including: helping to revise the City of Minneapolis' NRP Ordinance so that a base funding source was secured for Phase II, issuing an NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Request for Proposals so long-term, affordable housing units for low-income families and individuals could be developed, co-sponsoring the 2003 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, reviewing the Focus Minneapolis recommendations and issuing a report to the City Council and Mayor R.T. Rybak and committing \$1 million of NRP funds to community-oriented public safety initiatives in 2003 and 2004.

Election proceedings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2003 on the second floor of the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Ave. S. Candidate forums will be held prior to the balloting. The at-large forum will be held at 7 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 p.m., and balloting for the three neighborhood categories will begin at 8:45 p.m. One alternate will also be elected to the board in each category.

The election proceedings are free and open to the public. Only registered electors (**see story on P. 2**) representing each of the 80 Minneapolis neighborhoods will be allowed to vote. For more information on the election or the elector selection process, please call the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis at 612-333-6319 or Carsten Slostad of the NRP at 612-673-5150.

The candidates and their neighborhoods

At-Large

Kari Lynn Anderson – Harrison
Gregory M. Bastien – Nokomis East (Keewaydin)
Debbie Evans – Linden Hills
Alicia R. Phillips – Phillips
Sean Wherley – Kingfield

Redirection

Zachary Korb – Stevens Square
* Carol Ann Pass – East Phillips
Mary Watson – Ventura Village

Revitalization

* Cam Gordon – Seward
George D. Jelatis – Nokomis East (Keewaydin)
Steven A. Miller – Field

Protection

Dolores (Dee) Cotten – Downtown East
* Nicholas T. Kakos – East Calhoun
Jeffrey L. Strand – Shingle Creek

* = Incumbent

Voter's Guides now available

The Voter's Guide for the NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representative election is now available. Copies can be obtained at all Minneapolis Public Libraries, neighborhood organization offices or by calling the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis (LWV) at 612-333-6319 or the Minneapolis NRP at 612-673-5150. The Voter's Guide contains written responses from all 14 candidates regarding their backgrounds, views and experiences working with the NRP. The Voter's Guide is also available online at www.nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2003/20030923.html.

NRP Policy Board elector registration deadline November 13

The deadline for registering neighborhood electors and alternates for the upcoming NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representative election is Thursday, November 13. Each Minneapolis neighborhood organization can select an elector and alternate to vote on behalf of its neighborhood on election night. 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 20, 2003. 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 the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis (LWV) office no later than Thursday, November 13, 2003.

Registered electors and elector alternates will be sent more detailed information about the upcoming forums and the election itself by the LWV. If you have questions about the NRP Election process, please call the LWV at 612-333-6319 or Carsten Slostad at 612-673-5150.

Eastside Food Cooperative to open Dec. 3

The much anticipated grand opening of the Eastside Food Cooperative at 2551 Central Avenue NE will take place on December 3. The Co-op's nearly 800 members helped purchase and renovate the building that will be home to the new natural food grocery store by investing nearly \$500,000 in equity and loans. Neighborhood associations from Holland, Audubon Park, Windom Park, Sheridan and Waite Park have invested an additional \$535,000 of NRP loans and grants in the store.

The Co-op will be open to anyone, although there are benefits to becoming a member-owner. For more information on the Co-op or how you can become a member, please contact Ken Jerome-Stern at 612-788-0950 or visit the Co-op's official Web site at www.eastsidefoodcoop.org.

Deadline for 32nd annual CUE Awards nominations is November 17

The Committee on Urban Environment (CUE) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting nominations for its 32nd CUE Awards. The annual awards recognize excellence in urban, architectural, or environmental design, historic preservation, streetscape beautification, parks and open spaces, special events, neighborhood improvement, public art, and personal (or lifetime) achievement. The CUE will host an awards ceremony in early 2004 to announce the winning projects that best capture the urban spirit and enrich the City's landscape.

NRP-initiated projects have fared well over the years with multiple winners recognized annually. Winning projects have included: East Village, a 179-unit mixed-income housing and retail development located in the Elliot Park neighborhood; the Humboldt Greenway Redevelopment, a project that has brought more than 200 new units of housing and vast green space to Humboldt Ave. from 47th to 53rd avenues N., and Agape Dos, an adult foster-care home for Latinos living with AIDS.

In order to be eligible for a CUE Award, projects and/or events must be located within the City of Minneapolis and have been completed within the past five years. To facilitate an adequate and equitable evaluation of each nomination, the CUE requests submission of photographs and slides, as well as a brief narrative and copies of press coverage.

To apply, please submit photos, slides and a brief project narrative to the CUE Awards Program, 350 South Fifth Street-Room 210, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1385 by November 17, 2003.

To register your nomination online or to download an nomination form, please visit the CUE Web site at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cue. For more information, please contact CUE at 612-673-3014 or by e-mail at CUE@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Minneapolis neighborhood organizations are encouraged to apply for CUE Awards. Now is the time to be recognized for your planning and implementation efforts.

In Brief

Phillips-based after school kids program seeks volunteers

Kaleidoscope, an agency that provides programs for children and families in the Phillips neighborhood, is looking for some fun-loving volunteers to serve 1-3 hours one day a week for Kids' Place, an after school program that serves K-6th graders. Through creative and practical programming, Kaleidoscope strives to enhance the self-esteem, foster understanding of others and promote higher academic achievement in the children of the Phillips neighborhood. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Be able to answer that question by saying, "I work with Kaleidoscope kids!" One-on-one attention with adults is essential to the emotional and social development of children, and Kaleidoscope attempts to provide as many opportunities as possible for the children to have long-term connections with caring adults. Many volunteer opportunities exist at Kaleidoscope—adults and older teens are invited to get involved with children in the Phillips community by serving snacks, playing games, assisting with homework and classroom activities, and just having fun! Kids' Place volunteers are asked to serve one hour a week during program time, Monday to Friday, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. One-time group opportunities are also available! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Molly Wilson at 612-871-9268 or by e-mail at volcoord@kaleidoscope-kids.net.

Fourth annual Seward Arts Festival Nov. 8

The Fourth annual Seward Arts Festival and Art Crawl will take place from 11 a.m. until midnight on Saturday, November 8 at various venues throughout the Seward neighborhood. The festival kicks off at 11 a.m. at Matthews Park, 2318 29th Ave. S. The art crawl will take place from noon until 5 p.m. More than 50 artists will open their homes and studios to display their wares. A wide range of art will be showcased including: pottery, photography, books, sculpture, textiles, painting and ancient art. Programs are now available at the following Seward locations: the Birchwood Cafe, Second Moon Coffeehouse, Seward Co-op, Matthews Center, and the Northern Clay Center. For more information, contact Beth Marie at bethmarie@sng.org.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to hold public meetings on 2004 budget

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) will hold two more public hearings on Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 to obtain feedback from residents on proposed 2004 MPRB budget cuts. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the MPRB headquarters at 2117 W. River Road. Preliminary adoption of the MPRB budget will be done on November 5 with final adoption of the budget in December.

Cuts in Local Government Aid (LGA) made at the state legislature last spring reduced the MPRB budget by \$4.07 million. That LGA reduction along with higher health care costs and fewer dollars coming from property taxes and state grants means that the MPRB must reduce its overall budget for 2004 by 10 percent.

The MPRB is seeking citizen response to a variety of propositions and potential new income activities. The public is urged to attend and express their views on the proposed budget cuts being looked at by the MPRB. For more information about these meetings, please contact the MPRB at 612-230-6400.

Getting to the bottom of the ballot initiative to host forum on Nov. 18

Getting to the bottom of the ballot is an ongoing voter education initiative launched in 2002 by the Southwest Citizens for Civic Engagement. On Tuesday, November 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the group will host a forum titled "Thinking Locally Year-Round" at Southwest High School Community Education, Chowen Ave. S. and 47th St. Because housing density and affordability issues are likely to impact the lives of many Minneapolis residents in the near future, several locally elected officials have been asked to attend this forum to offer their input on how these complex urban planning issues are being addressed. Join former State Senator Myron Orfield, State Senator Scott Dibble, State Representative Frank Horenstein and Minneapolis City Council Member Dan Niziolek as they provide their insight on these multifaceted issues. For more information about the Getting to the bottom of the ballot initiative, please call 612-922-3106. Southwest Citizens for Civic Engagement is a project of the Fulton Neighborhood Association in cooperation with several neighborhood organizations including Linden Hills, Lynnhurst, Windom, Kenny, Armatage and Kingfield.



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NRP Policy Board Report

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Plan modification for the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood

— November 2003 Calendar of Events —

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| <p>5 Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) public 2004 budget hearings
6:30 p.m., MPRB headquarters, 2117 W. River Road. See Page 3 or call 612-230-6400 for more information.</p> <p>6 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Room 333 City Hall</p> <p>8 Fourth annual Seward Arts Festival
11 a.m. to midnight. See Page 3 for more info.</p> <p>11 Veteran's Day City offices closed</p> <p>12 Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) public 2004 budget hearings
See Page 3 or call 612-230-6400 for more information.</p> <p>13 NRP Policy Board elector registration filing deadline Call the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis at 612-333-6319 for more information.</p> <p>17 NRP Policy Board meeting
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center</p> | <p>18 Getting to the bottom of the ballot forum "Thinking Locally Year-Round"
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Southwest High School Community Education, Chowen Ave. S. and 47th St. See page 3 or call 612-922-3106 for more information.</p> <p>20 NRP Policy Board election and candidate forums 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Second floor Crown Roller Mill building, 105 Fifth Ave.S. See front page for more information.</p> <p>21 December NRP Link submission deadline
Call 612-673-5158, e-mail bfeldman@nrp.org, or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.</p> <p>27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday
City offices closed</p> |
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