

Neighborhood STAR Board – Recommended for Appointment June 2016

Angela Burns

Employer: Minnesota Childrens Museum

Job Title: Marketing

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

It is a position held by just three representatives from my ward and as a member of the District 8 council board, I've had the pleasure of serving on the CIB Task Force for economic development, piquing my interest in a deeper level of engagement within my city.

What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?

Lifelong resident of St. Paul, with deep family roots in community involvement. Currently, I serve as the Vice Chair of the Summit-University Planning Council (District 8). My 20+ yr professional background includes community relations, social media, communications and marketing specifically.

Lucie Passus

Employer: Hennepin County

Job Title: Data Governance Professional

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

To provide a different perspective and input to issues/policies that impact St. Paul residents. To have an impact on funding decisions that have long-lasting impact on the City and its residents.

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Having previously served on a school board, I am aware of the impact decision-makers on committee-levels have on the larger community and want to be able to ensure fair representation and voice of typically non-represented groups.

Tong C. Thao

Employer: Latino Economic Development Center

Job Title: Facilities Coordinator

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

I want to make sure that all voices are represented at the decision making table and that fair and equitable outcomes are achieved. I also want to gain the experience of serving on a city board and to learn more about the process of the STAR Program. By gaining this experience I can take it back to my community and show them how to get more involved with city processes.

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I have an extensive background in community organizing. I started by working on transit organizing and now I'm more focused on political organizing; all of which is to gain an understanding of community perspective. As President of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors, I have access to broaden my reach to the community and more in depth knowledge of what is happening in my community.

Gordon Volk

Employer: Unemployed

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

I am passionate about the well being of the city, and I would be surprised if anyone in Saint Paul wanted to serve on a committee more than me. I have wanted to become involved for a very long time, and would sincerely appreciate your consideration of my application.

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In addition to earning a Bachelor's Degree in Community Development and a Master's Degree in Public Administration, I have 7 years of experience in local government. I have practiced heritage preservation, economic and community development, and budget development successfully at the professional level.