

**Capital Improvement Budget Committee  
Proposed Appointments – January 2017**

**Mohammed Barre**

Ward 5 (SD 66)

African American

Employer: Aramak Uniform Services

Occupation: Production Supervisor

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

As a citizen I believe having a voice in decision making is an essential key to serving my community. I would like to make a difference and contribute to this growing community as well as provide my intellect to improving the community budget.

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

I believe my educational background as a Business Management major as well as my experience in managing a diverse workforce for the past four years would be essential to the committee.

**Elizabeth Matakis**

Ward 7 (SD 67)

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Employer: Panera Bread

Occupation: Project Manager

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

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the CIB Committee. I have had the pleasure of serving as a representative on the district level for the last three funding cycles (2011, 2013 and 2015) and have valued the entire process. I am passionate about civic engagement and would like to continue to engage people in the CIB process, especially our young adults and communities of color. I believe the CIB process strengthens our community and allows for all voices to be heard. I am committed to listening first and to leading thoughtfully and respectfully. I would love to continue to learn more about the CIB Committee and feel that my skills and experience are a good fit for this committee.

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

Skills: Policy and program development; Strong verbal communication skills; Cross-functional team management; Community engagement; Roberts Rules; Staff training and development; Resource management; Passion for customer service; Budget development; Conflict resolution; Extremely organized; Report generation and analysis; Process implementation; Out of the box thinker.

Training: DBCC President (2013-15), Saint Pascal's School Board (2015-present), Saint Pascal's PTP Committee Member (2014-present), Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board Member (2012-present), KidsPark Board Member (2008-present), Capital Improvement Budget Task Force Member (2011, 2013, 2015), CIB Project Funding Award (2011), Neighborhood Honor Roll (2011)

**Tiffany Orth**

Ward 3 (SD 64)

Asian American

Employer: Greater MSP

Occupation: Make It. MSP Coordinator

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

I am interested in working on this particular board as I would like to affect change for the neighborhood and city I experience every day. The Capital Improvement Budget committee allows members to consider tangible meaningful items that individuals encounter throughout their day-to-day lives. This committee offers a chance for local residents to have a voice in how their neighborhoods develop and I would love to have the opportunity to serve my community through this process.

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

I possess deep experience in working in the political and governmental sectors, which gives me invaluable broad-based perspectives into governmental processes and local infrastructure and economic development issues. My career has included unique opportunities to balance multiple stakeholders and interests while finding common ground. I have a proven track record of working across sectors and with multiple stakeholders to consider various perspectives, ideas and data.

**Corina Serrano**

Ward 1 (SD 65)

Latina

Employer: Metropolitan Council

Occupation: Senior Outreach Specialist

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

I enjoyed my time on the task force this year, learned a lot about the process and was grateful for the manning in which community members were able to be active participants in the process. Noel nix reached out to me and recommended I apply for the opening in the CIB committee as I was recommended.

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

I've served on the Streets and Utilities Task Force during the CIB process this year. I currently serve as the board chair for the Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7 Planning Council) and have several years of experience in the public sector, particularly in housing and community development.

**Paulette Swindeman**

Ward 5 (SD 65)

African American

Employer: Great Lake Management

Occupation: Executive Housekeeper

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

I would like to be involved in my community and city.

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

I have served on many different boards in St Paul. I really want to become a part of a board again.

**Kurt Zilley**

Ward 7 (SD 67)

Caucasian

Employer: Ramsey County

Occupation: Clerk Typist

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

Serving on the task forces are only the initial steps in the CIB process. I would like to follow through on the entire process. I was also approached by the D1 Executive Director Betsy Leach to serve on the committee. It is a way to be actively involved in the city operations and my community.

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

I have experience reviewing/rating CIB proposals by serving on CIB task forces. I also have served on the Ramsey County Capital Improvement Projects Advisory Committee reviewing major proposals.