

Advisory Committee on Aging – Recommended for Appointment June 2016

Janet Golden

Employer: Dayton's Bluff Senior Services

Job Title: Executive Director

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

I am particularly interested in serving on the Advisory Committee on Aging as Ward 7 is somewhat underrepresented on the current committee and I see many unique challenges for seniors in this community that should be addressed and counted. While I am not a resident of Ward 7, my work brings me to this community and Payne Phalen every day.

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

I am currently the Executive Director of Dayton's Bluff - Payne Phalen seniors and I have experience in helping seniors remain in their homes and understanding the challenges and barriers facing them. I have several years' experience dealing with elder abuse awareness, intervention and prevention as well as acting an advocate and voice for our elderly residents.

Annette Hansen

Job Title: Parent

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

I have been looking to work together with St. Paul citizens to increase the opportunities for more forward thinking about aging and seniors in our community. I don't believe we have explored the boundaries of what is possible, especially for this upcoming generation of seniors. Me included.

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

I have a masters in Urban Affairs focusing on affordable housing, studied alternative forms of housing in Denmark (with the originator of the 8-80 concept, Jan Gehl) and was previously a grant writer for a large nonprofit health care provider.

Elizabeth A. Mische

Employer: None listed

Job Title: None listed

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

I have served on the advisory committee. I feel that I have much to offer this board.

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

I am a senior, retired and still work part time. I think my experience as an "older" woman is vital to understanding other older women.

Marilynn Taylor

Employer: Self employed

Job Title: Editor

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

I have been involved in studying and exploring housing options for aging populations for the past six years, spurred by my personal desire to spend the last chapter of my life living near friends in a central St. Paul neighborhood in which we actively care for the community and each other.

In 2009, I and Kathleen Corley, a St. Paul resident, initiated an attempt to identify and plan this community based on cohousing concepts. We held focus group meetings with individuals interested in cohousing to explore what this kind of living might look like. The first focus group with 25 participants was held in August 2009 and hosted by Karen Reid, executive director of the Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA). A second group of about 12 met in January 2010 in Minneapolis. The meeting was hosted by the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation. At a third meeting in May 2011, about a dozen people met with Robert Lunning and Scott Wende of Lunning Wende Associates at the NeDA offices to help identify common desires and clarify options.

As the exploration continued, it became clear that the barriers to achieving a formal cohousing community with common governance, spaces, and buildings—from affordable sites to development financing—were beyond the capacity of the group to overcome. The effort then

turned to consideration of a scattered-site form of cohousing. The vision is to develop individual residences within a neighborhood that exemplifies shared values and community, thus achieving the key desirable characteristics of design, location, community, and timing. The Little Bohemia and Triangle neighborhoods of the West Seventh area of St. Paul are the location focus of this effort.

In October 2015, I had the great fortune to purchase a house in the Triangle neighborhood. Although I have found my place, I would like to continue to work to make this approach to aging-in-place a reality for others. I believe that the Advisory Council on Aging would be the most effective forum for working toward this goal, and I believe I can make a valuable contribution to the Council's efforts.

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I am a skilled communicator and researcher who has worked successfully on and with committees in various professional and volunteer capacities all of my professional life. I am passionate about helping my city develop strong, vibrant neighborhoods for all citizens.