Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization
Proposed Appointment – May 2017

Karen Reid

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Employer: Neighborhood Development Association (NeDA)
Occupation: Executive Director

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

I am interested in the Lower Mississippi River WMO because of my work on St. Paul's West Side, the District that is impacted by the Watershed District. Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA) is a nonprofit community development organization that has a long history of addressing water and run-off and management issues on the West Side. I am also a long-time member of the Riverfront Development and Land Use committee of the District Council (West Side Community Organization). I'm interested in joining the board because of NeDA's experience in this Watershed District and more importantly to help insure ongoing communication on watershed issues and concerns from a District and City's perspective. I want to insure that the City's representative reports back to both the City and the District Council.

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

I bring 16 years of experience in working in neighborhood processes formulating small area plans, development plans, and 10-year community plans. I have participated in the West Side Flats Master Plan processes (the first and the second iteration). And I have participated in other boards and committees for the City and District in areas of budgeting, transportation and cable access (SPNN). And as stated above, I have participated in our District Council as a board member and a committee member since 2000.

I have worked for NeDA for 19 years developing both affordable rental and ownership housing where water issues have impacted the development process. This has included both managing run off and ground water. NeDA has experience in creating landscapes the manage water and know the value of using a variety of organic and inorganic materials to better manage water.