

**Neighborhood STAR Board
Proposed Appointments – December 2017**

Cody Zwiefelhofer

Ward 5

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Employer: Amazon.com

Occupation: Software Development Engineer

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

I am interested in serving on the Neighborhood STAR board because I am interested in giving back to Saint Paul as much as I am able. I recently moved to Saint Paul permanently (became a homeowner in August 2016) and with part of that territory has come an increased desire to see the community and city I live in become a prosperous place for everyone. It would be extremely personally fulfilling and rewarding to help other community members improve their places of business, community parks or neighborhoods to make Saint Paul a better place to live, work and play; to that end, I would love to be a part of this board.

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

As a software developer of Amazon, I'm used to performing data analysis and working with numbers, which will help with the analytics portion of evaluating projects for viability. In addition, my journalism degree has refined the art of dealing with the human element of an issue. Part of my responsibilities at Amazon involve project management and evaluating which features are most important for our customers—analogous, maybe, to evaluating which projects are most important for the long-term viability of our city. Mostly, however, I feel that I would be a great fit for this committee because I'm a hard-working individual with an eye for detail and I hope to contribute however I can to progressing this city and the people who live and work in it. I would be honored to be considered and a part of this board. While I don't have explicit previous experience with any board or committee in the city of Saint Paul, I would love to be given the opportunity to start.

Melissa Finnegan

Ward 6

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Employer: Minnesota Department of Health

Occupation: Director of Legislative Relations

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

Having lived in the city of St. Paul for the past 15 years I have a strong affection for the city and its unique resources. I appreciate the effort St. Paul puts into preserving and utilizing its historic resources. The history of this city is part of what makes it special and I'm eager to help see that continue. In addition, having lived right next to Como Park, I have a strong interest in seeing St. Paul develop the parks and recreational opportunities available to its citizens. The addition of Como Dockside was a good beginning, but I think more can be done to move St. Paul forward to being a true flagship city filled with desirable green spaces for its citizen.

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

I have a Masters degree in Public Policy and extensive experience with policy development and refinement through a committee process. I have a passing understanding of zoning laws from previous work with a small town in southeastern Minnesota and a strong interest in local government.

Tony Parrish

Ward 7

African American

Employer: Hennepin County

Occupation: Assistant Engineer Technician

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

As an active resident of St. Paul who is engaged politically I'm looking to expand my role civically. One way in which this can be accomplished is by participating on one of the committees that represent the interest of St. Paul residents and neighborhoods. I want to be involved in moving the city in a direction that its residents approve of and our board and commissions have a big part in that.

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

I bring a wealth of work, community and political experience to the committee in which I seek to serve. I have worked on projects that work to promote racial equality and that experience will serve me well on this board.