

# Application for Appointment to the Advisory Group for Minneapolis Redistricting 2011-2012 of the Minneapolis Charter Commission

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Name (please print): Vida Y. Ditter	Ward (if known): 7
Signature: VIDA Y. DITTER	Date: [REDACTED]

Describe your education, training, employment history, volunteer work, and awards and honors as related to the job description for a member of the Advisory Group. Please do not duplicate your response to the question on the reverse side of this form concerning knowledge of communities, citizenship and diversity.

1951-1952 - 2yrs grade school - England  
 1952 - 1959 grade school and high school - Kilimani School and Kenya High School for Girls - Kenya.  
 1959 - 1961 last year and a half of high school - Commonwealth School, Boston, Mass  
 1965 - BA - Mills College, Oakland, California.  
 3 years - ABD, MA - Journalism - Univ. Of Minn., Minneapolis, MN

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1978 - 1995 worked at Prudential NW Regional Home Office, MPLS, management (retired)

1997 - 2007 worked as Neighborhood Organizer for the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, MPLS (retired)  
 2000 - completed and submitted all forms necessary to creating the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association. The BMNBA is an ongoing active organization in Bryn Mawr.

Committees I currently volunteer on:

- Member, Bassett Creek Valley Redevelopment Oversight Committee also known as the ROC (since 1998)
- Member special naming committee for the Van White Memorial Boulevard (in the Bassett Creek Valley)
- A Founding Member, Lakes District Council/Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB)(since its inception)
- Member, Theodore Wirth Park Visioning and Redesign CAC (voting volunteer on all 3 CACs). Working on the current CAC, put into service by MPRB in December 2010
- Member, SW LRT Advisory CAC ( since its inception)
- Member, Station Area Planning for the SW LRT stations in the City of Minneapolis
- Member, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Redistricting Committee

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 For additional information see the Job Description and City website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/charter-commission/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/charter-commission/)

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- Member, Brownie Lake/MPRB CAC (has not been convened yet)

Some Achievements:

- Chaired Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Land Use Committee that wrote, with assistance of a Humphrey Institute graduate student, the Bryn Mawr Land Use Plan. Plan approved as a small area plan by the Minneapolis City Council in 2003
- Member of Bassett Creek Valley Redevelopment Oversight Committee which wrote 2 master plans for the Bassett Creek Valley, with assistance from consulting firms – Master Plan 2000 and Master Land Use Plan 2006. The 2006 plan has been incorporated into the City of Minneapolis' Comprehensive Plan. Rezoning of the Bassett Creek Valley to reflect the land uses in the 2006 Master Plan has been completed.

Achievements as Neighborhood Coordinator, include :

1. Writing, with MPRB, grant application for funds to restore Creek walls, waterfall and paths at Bassett Creek by Fruen Mill. Grant approved and work completed
2. Wrote grant application for MnDOT funds and City of Minneapolis assistance to build major gateway into Bryn Mawr – grant approved - Planter Medians built and planted and signage hedge built at entrance into Bryn Mawr from I-394
3. Co-Wrote grant for funds for buckthorn removal at Brownie Lake, Bassett's Creek at Fruen Mill (multiple grants and projects), on private land (people's homes).
4. Worked with NRP, Hennepin County, the City and Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association to redesign/beautify the Penn Avenue/South Cedar Lake Road Intersection.

During the period May 2009 to May 2011, have you been or will you be:

an elected official of municipal, county, state or federal government?

Yes  No

an employee of a political party?

Yes  No

an employee of Minneapolis City government? Note that persons who have served as election judges since May 2009 are considered City employees and may not serve on the Advisory Group.

Yes  No

Instructions:

1. Complete all pages of this application. (Call the Office of the City Clerk at , 612-673-2287 with questions.)
2. Applications must be received or postmarked by **March 25, 2011**. Applications delivered in person must be received before 4:30 p.m. on March 25, 2011.

3. Return completed applications: Email the form scanned as a PDF. . [cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

Mail or delivery..... City Clerk Appointments  
Room 304, 350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382

Fax ..... 612-673-3812

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