

2012 Voter's Guide For District 4 Neighborhoods

**Audubon Park
Beltrami
Bottineau
Columbia Park
Holland
Logan Park
Marshall Terrace
Northeast Park
Sheridan
St. Anthony East
St. Anthony West
Waite Park
Windom Park
Marcy Holmes
Nicollet Island/East Bank**

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**For Neighborhood Representative Members on
the City's Neighborhood and Community
Engagement Commission**

Candidate information and questionnaire responses

Compiled by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

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http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/2012_Neighborhood_Elections

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Voter's Guide District 4

As part of the neighborhood election process to elect 5 neighborhood representatives on to the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), applicants interested in serving were asked to respond to the following statements on their applications to be used in the Voter's Guide:

- ❖ How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?
- ❖ How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?
- ❖ Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.
- ❖ How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?
- ❖ How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?
- ❖ Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.
- ❖ Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Candidates for District 4:

(To quickly navigate to a candidate's information, hold Ctrl and left click on candidate's name)

[Doron Clark](#)

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The City-wide meeting to elect five neighborhood Commissioners will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at Minnehaha Academy-North Campus:

City-Wide Election for Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 & 8

Thursday, June 28, 2012

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Minnehaha Academy-North Campus

3100 West River Parkway

Minneapolis, MN 55406

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The building is ADA accessible. If any special accommodations are needed, please contact 612-673-2243.

All votes must be cast on June 28, 2012.

If you have any questions about the elections for Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 or the Voter's Guide, please feel free to call Cheyenne Erickson at (612) 673-2052 or Carrie Day Aspinwall at (612) 673-2243. You can also find more information on our website at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/2012_Neighborhood_Elections.

1. How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?

During my time as president of Windom Park Citizens in Action (WPCiA), I focused my efforts on citizen empowerment and engagement – this same focus is found in neighborhood organizations throughout the city. During my 3 years on the NCEC, much of my effort has focused on ensuring that neighborhood organization capacity could be maintained to allow neighborhoods to focus on engagement and not funding concerns.

I will continue work to ensure that the NCEC focuses on removing the hurdles citizens experience when working to improve their neighborhoods.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

As an active member of WPCiA, I have served in a variety of roles:

Chair: NRP Phase II Planning Committee (2011-2012)

President (Co-): 2004-2009

Founding Chair – Tree Task Force (2004-present)

Organized neighbors to respond to Dutch Elm Disease

Developed master plan and implemented development of community garden at “Grassy Knoll” (Johnson & 35W)

Converted focus to broader greening focus.

Chair – Stinson Task Force (2008-2009)

Organized neighbors to respond to proposed changes on Stinson Parkway

Member – NRP Phase I review committee

3. Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.

The work of the NCEC has just begun. While not at the funding level desired or from an ideal source, neighborhood funding for core functions has been consistent. Consistent funding must continue to allow neighborhood groups to focus on expanding their sphere of engagement. I aim to help neighborhoods improve their processes to engage under-represented groups.

Community groups continue to play an important role in Minneapolis. The NCEC should determine how to partner with community groups to expand involved groups in the decision-making processes of Minneapolis. Ideally, community groups and neighborhood groups will work in tandem to accomplish expanding community involvement.

4. If elected, how do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent?

I'll maintain relationships with neighborhoods three ways:

1. Email contact – periodic emailed updates;
2. Surveying – during discussions of key topics, I'll survey neighborhoods to engage their involvement;
3. In person – as invited, I will attend neighborhood meetings to provide updates and seek input.

Through each of these venues, I commit to listen to the many voices in my neighborhoods.

5. How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?

Minneapolis and most of its neighborhood and community groups need to improve how they engage under-represented groups. We need to find ways to share best practices for engaging under-represented groups. All organizations will likely be able to quickly learn from their peers and make simple changes that will increase the engagement of all groups in Minneapolis.

However, the most important part of engaging any group is to consistently make the effort to connect and engage in a sensitive, sincere manner.

6. Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

Stinson Parkway Conservancy
Windom Park Citizens in Action
Northeast United Methodist Church
SD 60 DFL

7. Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Employer: Target Corporation – Target Canada
Volunteer Associations: Big Brother Big Sister of the Twin Cities – Big Brother, Programming Committee
Hamline University: President, Piper Athletic Association
Senate District 60 DFL: Director

