Amanda Ruch, Lind-Bohanon - District 2

1. **How have your life, work and cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on NRP Policy Board?**

I've been a resident of Minneapolis for 10+ years now, with 2+ years of those in the Lind-Bohanon community. My experiences this far have allowed me to live, work, and collaborate with people from all walks of life. I pride myself on being solution-oriented and for trying to maximize impact and outcomes.

2. **How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?**

In November of 2023, I attended my first Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association Board meeting, and moved to join the board that night. I was voted onto the Board in early December and have since become quite involved, with opportunities to represent LBNA at the Creekview Winter Solstice event, and by participating on the LBNA interview committee. In the future, I look forward to continuing to serve on the LBNA board and to learn more about the greater North Minneapolis community and how we can work together to make North an exceptional place to be.

3. **Describe why you want to serve on the NRP Policy Board.**

My desire to serve on the NRP Policy Board stems from my recent experience with the LBNA board. It has been such a delight to get plugged into my community and find ways to make an impact. By broadening my scope to serve on the NRP Policy Board, I believe it would give me an opportunity to continue using my gifts and talents to serve our communities.

4. **How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent if elected?**

If I were to be elected, my plan would be to partner with the neighborhoods I represent. Initially, it would be important to understand their dynamics, how they work best, and what they would expect from me as their elected representative. I would find ways to connect to the community both formally and informally; perhaps through neighborhood board meetings and community events. Beyond getting to know the folks living in the neighborhoods I would serve, I would also want to get to know community organizations and businesses to understand their needs and vision for their communities as well.

5. How do you plan to engage with underrepresented groups within your district if elected?

My plan to engage with underrepresented groups within my district would be to mobilize myself. Find ways to connect and engage. Understand the causes for underrepresentation - what barriers have been in place? It would also be crucial to help folks understand the value of the NRP Policy Board, and what kind of impact we could make together. Bottom line: help people understand how we can benefit them and their communities.

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

Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Board Association - Board Member
The Bond Between: People, Animals, Community - Foster

7. Please list all your current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Twin Cities Society for Human Resources Management: Mentor Program Lead
eCapital Advisors, LLC: HR Specialist
Achieve Twin Cities: Step Up Placement Day Staff
ExperTaste Marketing: Brand Ambassador

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