Steve Roos, Phillips-West - District 3

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

My training in landscape architecture and planning introduced me to the challenges facing cities and their neighborhoods. Since then, my career and volunteer work has allowed me to learn how to help people meet their challenges. The most relevant thing I've learned is that the residents of a place are the best ones equipped to address the challenges they face. They may only need to be asked the right questions and guided to the path that their answers lead.

I've lived in Phillips West for only about eight years, but being born and having lived in moderate income, blue collar neighborhoods in Chicago, Madison Rochester, and South Minneapolis, I believe that I have an affinity for grasping the physical, cultural, and social challenges of inner city neighborhoods. I've served as a board member on the

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

I've been on the Phillips west Neighborhood Organization Board for the last two years serving as Treasurer. I was just re-elected to the board and continue in the treasure role.

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

Minneapolis policies in general and, in particular those policies that directly influence neighborhoods, have a profound impact on the lives of neighborhood residents. At the least, the opportunity to learn about and understand city policies will enhance my ability to serve the PWNO meaningfully. At the best, I can bring my training, professional, and volunteer experience to help guide the NRP Policy Board toward effective and meaningful decisions that support the residents of all Minneapolis neighborhoods.

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

PWNO has a history of collaborate engagement with our adjoining neighborhoods. Building on these existing relationships I would seek to bring all the neighborhoods in District 3 together for two purposes - first to inform and be informed by all the district about issues before the NRP Policy Board, but just as important to use this position as a means of developing collaboration between all the district neighborhoods to address things important to inner South Minneapolis.

The exact structure to enable this level of collaboration is undefined yet, but could be establishing an inter-neighborhood district committee whose function would be to exchange information and guidance to the NRP

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

In order to connect with underrepresented residents, it would really require a collaboration with each neighborhood organization. I would ask to attend community events, both formal and informal, and special meetings that each NO holds.

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

Phillips West Neighborhood Organization
Minnesota Design Team
Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Messiah Lutheran Community Garden

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

Unpaid:
Phillips West Neighborhood Organization
Minnesota Design Team
Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Messiah Lutheran Community Garden

Paid:
MN Department of Agriculture

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Signature	Steve Roos
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