Kate Gens, Standish - District 5

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

I have worked with the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association since 2021 and have witnessed the positive impacts of community engagement from a nonprofit perspective and as a resident. I enjoy working with the public, facilitating discussions, and enabling action. I have been a resident of Standish since 2008 and LOVE my neighborhood (among many others in the City). I have an established working knowledge of how funding and politics are related regarding Neighborhood Organizations and the City of Minneapolis.

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

I have participated as a staff member for 3+ years and have volunteered with our local school, local businesses, and park events.

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

I am a committed member of my neighborhood and I believe that it is imperative for the City to sustain a working and open relationship with Neighborhood Organizations throughout the city. I also believe it is critical for Neighborhood Organizations to engage significantly with the residents. The NRP Policy Board offers a first hand, in depth look at how these relationships are built and sustained.

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

I plan to inform every neighborhood of all decisions and actions. I will meet regularly with local boards and provide an open line of communication as needed or requested.

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

I plan to meet people where they are and hear what they need. I hope that by allowing space for action, it creates effective reactions. I will always work and participate to the best of my ability, ethically, and respectfully. I will work with local boards in District 5 to meet the needs of all constituents.

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

Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association
Open Streets
Friends of Lake Hiawatha

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

None

By signing this form, you waive your right to raise money, conduct phone banks, and produce campaign literature of any kind for the purposes of getting elected to the NRP Policy Board.

Signature	Kate Gens
Date	1/9/2024