

BOARD NOMINEE BIOS



Board Chair Nominee: John Richard

John Richard: I am running for a second term as President of the Mid Town Phillips Neighborhood Association. In my three years of serving on the board, I have learned a lot about the ins-and-outs of the board operations, and want to assist the board with this as many experienced members are leaving. My approach will be to continue to recognize the rich assets of the community as we move into the future. My goals will be to promote affordable housing, including homeownership opportunities for all our neighbors, to increase involvement of all communities and language groups in the neighborhoods, to provide safety for all neighbors, and to continue to insist that the city government recognize that we are the real experts on the needs of our community and will insist to have a voice in decision making. Outside of the board, I work on workforce development, and bring professional skills in program development, outreach and budget management to the table. Thanks for considering my candidacy.



At Large Representative Nominee: Anniessa Antar

Anniessa Antar: I am an art and cultural worker and educator who lives on the 2900 block of 12th Ave. I've been living here since 2020. Serving on the MPNAI board would be an honor to continue connecting with neighbors, both on my block and throughout the neighborhood. I want to help think through how we keep each other safe and how to celebrate the incredible artistic and cultural talents of our community.



At Large Representative Nominee: Wayne Bugg

Wayne Bugg grew up in the inner city of Harvey, IL. He was a troubled teen, and at the age of 15 he got expelled from school and left the state. He moved to Minnesota and has been a resident ever since. With encouragement from members of the St. Vincent de Paul Twin Cities and others, Wayne re-enrolled in school. At the age of 19 he got his General Education Degree (G.E.D.). Since then Wayne has graduated from college and received his B.A. in Business Management. Wayne has worked for the SVdP TC for 20+ years. He currently is serving as their associate executive director. He is married with 5 children, and has been an active church member for many years.



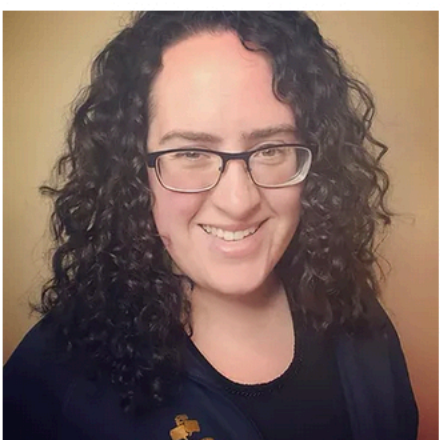
District 2 Representative Nominee: Joanne Johnson

Joanne Johnson is a 12 year resident of Midtown Phillips and a first generation American. She has served her community as block club leader for the past 5 years and as a board member for the last 2 years. She is currently working on housing and safety for ALL Midtown Phillips.



District 4 Representative Nominee: Chris Daniel

Chris Daniel is an IT professional living on the 2600 block of 15th Ave since 2016. He is interested in connecting people with new perspectives and enthusiastic about infrastructure and urbanism.



District 6 Representative Nominee: Ruby Levine

Ruby Levine (she/her): I am running for the MPNAI Board because I want to be involved in making my neighborhood a better place and responding to the challenges our community has been facing. I have lived on 14th Avenue since 2014. Over the last two years especially, I have gotten to know my neighbors and really fallen in love with this community. I want to help us figure out what positive steps we can take to involve and serve our neighbors in making a safer, more positive community.