

A SUMMARY OF MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION BOARD MEMBERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (updated 6/25/08)

The Midtown Greenway Coalition Board guides the operations, special projects, staffing, and finances of the Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to leading a community-based process to develop and continually improve the Midtown Greenway. Our Board includes one representative from each of the 16 neighborhoods along the Midtown Greenway/Lake Street corridor across Minneapolis, and four at-large positions.

The Board meets 10 times per year to conduct business, and one time per year for the Annual Meeting (usually in May). Currently, the Board meetings are scheduled on the fourth Thursday each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., except for a combined November and December meeting on the first Wednesday of December.

Board Members must:

- Attend board meetings.
- Support the mission of the Midtown Greenway Coalition.
- Contribute skill, passion, and dedication to visualization and implementation of the Coalition's causes.
- Be active in educating your community about Midtown Greenway issues, such as informally through day-to-day interactions as well as through presentations to community organizations or staffing information tables in the Greenway or at community events.
- Help increase membership at a rate consistent with goals defined by the board in any given year.
- Represent the interests of others who live or work in your district or region when representing your neighborhood on the Coalition board. This may at times require putting neighborhood opinions ahead of your own.
- Represent Coalition positions and policies when representing the Coalition with the public or on an advisory committee related to another project. This may at times require putting Coalition opinions ahead of your own.
- Become actively involved in at least one of the following committees: Land Use, Greenspace and Art, Transit, Outreach, Executive.
- Maintain the financial stability of the Coalition by helping raise funds (grant writing or review, approaching Lake Street businesses, helping with a fund raising event, etc.), and by offering your own contributions in amounts suitable to you.
- Keep the Coalition database current for key contact people in your neighborhood, including your neighborhood association's Board and staff, your neighborhood or community newspaper editor, and other relevant contact persons.
- Clip articles and announcements related to the Midtown Greenway from your community newspaper, and send to the Coalition office.
- Attend some of the Coalition's larger public meetings (about four per year).

A given neighborhood's representative on the Coalition board does not have to be on that neighborhood organization's Board; she/he can be an interested resident, business owner, or employee in the given neighborhood. However, she/he will be the channel for information about the Greenway and will be responsible for communicating with the neighborhood they represent. An active Coalition Board member will be best at representing their neighborhood's interests and maximizing the potential benefits of the Greenway for their neighborhood. **OVER =>**

The neighborhood organizations in the 17 Greenway neighborhoods, from east to west, are: Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA), Longfellow Community Council, Seward Neighborhood Group, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, East Phillips Improvement Coalition, Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Phillips West, Central Neighborhood Improvement Association, Lyndale Neighborhood Association, Whittier Alliance, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association, CARAG (Calhoun Area Residents Action Group), ECCO (East Calhoun Community Organization, East Isles Residents Association, Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA), and West Calhoun Neighborhood Council. There are no affiliation requirements for the four at-large seats.