

2017 PLANNING COMMISSIONER BIOS

AQUANETTA ANDERSON – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2018

360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul 55117

Ward 5 District Council 6

Aquanetta Anderson resides in Ward 5. She works for Saint Paul Public Schools as Project Coordinator for the Parent Academy. The flexible nature of her work allows her the time to dedicate to the Planning Commission. She is active in many community groups (African American Leadership Council, International Association for Public Participation, National Alliance of Black School Educators, Education Minnesota, Saint Paul Federation of Teachers) and chairs the site council for Crossroads Science and Montessori Elementary School. Aquanetta brings a vast network with her and experience tackling projects collaboratively or on her own. She says she tends to be very organized.

CEDRICK BAKER – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2018

750 Otto Avenue, #2413, Saint Paul, 55102

Ward 2 District Council 9

Cedrick Baker works as the Administrator to the Board of Education for St. Paul Public Schools. Prior to this role, he worked as the Equity Manager and Internal Auditor for the Metropolitan Council. Cedrick enjoys serving and volunteering in his community. He currently serves as a Board Member for the North-East Neighborhood Development Corporation in St. Paul, Commissioner with the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission, and he's a Big Brother with the Big Brother Big Sister Program. He holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Florida and a Master's in Public Administration from Georgia State University. He is excited to join the commission and hopes to add value in assisting the City of St. Paul.

ANNE DEJOY – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2014 – current term expires 2019

965 Payne Avenue, Saint Paul 55130

Ward 6 District Council 2

Anne DeJoy has more than 25 years' experience in community-based economic development. For ten years, DeJoy served as the Executive Director of the Riverview Economic Development Association (REDA). She was appointed as an Assistant to the Mayor in 1999 where she served under two administrations. DeJoy is an alumna of Middlesex College in New Jersey where she studied Marketing Art and Design. She received training in Economic Development and Real Estate Finance from the National Development Council (NDC) and completed Economic Development Strategies training by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). DeJoy received a proclamation from Governor Carlson for her leadership on the Economic Development Committee for the Chicano Latino Affairs Council. She has participated in panel discussions focused on economic development and neighborhood planning and has served on numerous boards and committees including the West Side Citizen's Organization, Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation, Mayor's Committee on Cultural Relations, Neighborhood Justice Center and the Payne Arcade Business Association and others. DeJoy is currently the Director of Commercial Development for the East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc.

SHANNON ECKMAN – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2020

51 Hatch Avenue, Saint Paul 55117

Ward 5 District Council 6

Shannon Eckman is a proud resident of the North End and serves on the District 6 Planning Council. For the past 6 years, her social justice hustle has been focused on affordable housing and equitable access to homeownership; she currently works as a Program Manager at the Minnesota Homeownership Center. Shannon is a recent alumna of the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute at Nexus Community Partners and holds a B.A. in English from Hamline University.

Shannon was born in Daegu, South Korea and was raised on a farm in Independence, MN. She enjoys visiting her family in Korea, eating pizza at Mama's Pizza, walking down to get ice cream at Dar's Double Scoop on a hot summer day, searching for the Winter Carnival Medallion, crossword puzzles, and spending time in her small garden with her husband Steven Carlson.

DAN EDGERTON – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2012 – current term expires 2018

1157 Como Blvd. West, Saint Paul: 55103

Ward 5 District Council 10

Dan Edgerton leads the Water Resources Team in the Saint Paul office of Stantec, a consulting engineering and planning firm. The focus of his work is infrastructure planning and sustainable stormwater management. Dan received his B.S. and M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He and his family have lived in the Como Park neighborhood for the past 26 years.

KRIS FREDSON – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2016 – current term expires 2019

333 Warwick Street, Saint Paul 55105

Ward 3 District Council 14

Kris Fredson is the Campaigns & Member Communications Director for LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota, representing more than 12,000 skilled construction & blue collar Laborers who join in union & raise the bar for all of us. Fredson is responsible for managing campaigns & member communications in support of LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota-endorsed candidates & legislative priorities including jobs, transportation & energy infrastructure. From 2010-2016, Fredson served as Political Director for the Minnesota AFL-CIO, the state's largest labor federation representing more than 300,000 union members, and from 2006-2009, Fredson served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. Prior to working for Mayor Coleman, Fredson worked as an organizer for the Service Employees International Union, U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone's 2002 campaign & Saint Paul City Councilmember Jay Benanav's 2001 mayoral campaign. Fredson graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education & Political Science from Hamline University in 2001. Fredson's proudest accomplishments include managing Coleman's 2005 mayoral campaign, working with the Saint Paul Living Wage Coalition to write & pass Saint Paul's Living Wage Ordinance in 2006, leading the Raise the Wage Coalition's 2014 campaign to raise & index Minnesota's minimum wage, & receiving the Minnesota DFL Party's Paul Wellstone Award for Lifetime Commitment to Organized Labor in 2015. Fredson was born & raised in Esko, Minnesota, & has lived in Saint Paul since 1996.

TAQEE KHALED – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2016 – current term expires 2019

1750 Yankee Doodle Road, Eagan 55104

Ward 4 District Council 11

Taqee Khaled is a lifelong Minnesotan and a resident of the Hamline-Midway community. He is a former healthcare management consultant and currently a corporate strategist at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota where he studied neuroscience and epidemiology.

Taqee is a passionate believer in the subtly expansive role of place in modifying lived experience, (positively and negatively), for all people - especially in terms of population health and well-being. He spends his free time with his family and coaching soccer.

CHONG LEE – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2019

1661 Fremont Avenue, Saint Paul 55106

Ward 7 District Council 4

Chong Lee's family fled a war-torn country and sought refuge in America for a better life. Since moving to Minnesota, the city of Saint Paul has been her home for decades. She now owns a home and lives on the east side of Saint Paul with her three children and husband for the past 4 years. She received her bachelor's degree in Social Work and a master's degree in Advocacy and Political Leadership from the Metropolitan State University. She has experience in nonprofit management, policy, advocacy, and public administration. She is an active community member in Saint Paul where she participated in numerous issues and electoral campaigns. She is a passionate individual who will fight for social, racial, and economic justice for all. She recently accepted a position as the Executive Administration Assistant at New Millennium Academy.

WILLIAM LINDEKE – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2012 – current term expires 2018

148 West George Street, #7 Avenue, Saint Paul: 55107

Ward 2 District Council 3

Bill Lindeke is a PhD candidate at the University of Minnesota Department of Geography, working on bicycle transportation, urban planning, and public space. He has taught classes on the history of public space in US cities, global cities, and biogeography. He works with Streets.mn (a local planning and urbanism website), Civic/Media-Minnesota (a local public affairs media organization), and KFAI radio.

Bill has an avid interest in jazz and baroque music and baseball ritual, and is the sole proprietor of the Twin City Sidewalks website, named one of the Twin Cities' top 11 blogs by WCCO. He was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Mendota Heights. He has lived in St. Paul's North End since 2004.

KATHY MOUACHEUPAO – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2016 – current term expires 2018

570 Asbury Street, Ste. 207, Saint Paul 55104

Ward 1 District Council 8

Kathy Mouacheupao is the Program Officer for Creative Placemaking with the Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (TC LISC). She lives in the Summit-University neighborhood and currently serves on three organizational boards: the Hmong Museum, a newly incorporated organization that recognizes and acknowledges the intersections of all things Hmong; the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC), a nonprofit that increases access to the arts in 7-county metropolitan area communities by providing information, organizational support and grants and; the MN Association of Museums, which exists to provide a forum for individuals who work in and with museums throughout the state.

CHRISTOPHER OCHS – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2011 – current term expires 2020

850 Dayton Avenue, Saint Paul 55104

Ward 1 District Council 8

Christopher Ochs is a twenty-one year resident of Ward 1 Saint Paul where he and his wife are raising their young family of four children. He is an award-winning landscape designer with Windsor Companies; holds a Bachelors degree in Environmental Design, two Master degrees from the University of Minnesota in Landscape Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning; and has served the District 8 Planning Council, Selby Area CDC, and the American Society of Landscape Architects. Chris is well traveled and draws a considerable amount of geographical and cultural experiences from visiting or residing in bustling cities and rural villages across the globe. He hopes his experience and sense of community will contribute to the well-being of the City of Saint Paul.

TREVOR OLIVER – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2011 – current term expires 2020

2021 Margaret Street, Saint Paul 55119

Ward 7 District Council 1

Trevor Oliver is research consultant for the majority caucus at the Minnesota House of Representatives. Prior to taking that position, Trevor practiced municipal and land use law at Kelly & Lemmons, a Saint Paul law firm. Trevor received a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and obtained his law degree from the University of Minnesota. He lives on St. Paul's Eastside with his wife and three children.

ADRIAN PERRYMAN – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2019

1282 Concordia Avenue, Saint Paul 55104

Ward 4 District Council 11

Adrian Perriman is a Ward 4 resident. He served on the Midway Stadium Task Force and works at Concordia University in Saint Paul as Assistant Director of Academic Advising and previously worked at Admission Possible. He has been active on other community boards as well, such as the Snelling/Midway Community Advisory Committee and other non-profits. He believes that in Saint Paul, there is room for expansion, but also the ability to do that and maintain livability – that there's room for peace and quiet and opportunity for expansion for businesses and entrepreneurs. He believes in "long term planning, not quick fixes." He's also focused on creating good spaces for children in Saint Paul.

LUIS RANGEL MORALES – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2020

500 Laurel Avenue, Saint Paul 55102

Ward 3 District Council 14

Luis Rangel Morales is a Staff Attorney and Director of Community Outreach for the Neighborhood Service Center ("NJC"). NJC is a non-profit criminal defense organization that helps low income community members receive criminal defense services in Ramsey, Dakota, and Washington county. Mr. Rangel Morales graduated summa cum laude from the University of St. Thomas and cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School.

JOHN REICH – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2018

1822 Jefferson Avenue, Saint Paul 55105

Ward 3 District Council 14

John Reich is a Ward 3 resident and Director of Gov't Relations at Winthrop and Weinstine. He has been involved in the Saint Paul community for the 11 years he has been a resident. His interest in the Planning Commission is "in continuing to grow St. Paul in a way that brings vitality to the city while also keeping the character that makes it such a great place to live." Prior to his current job, he served as the Public Relations Officer and the Director of Government Relations for MNsure, the state health insurance marketplace. Before that he was an assistant Commissioner at led the Minnesota Department of Commerce where he led the Government Affairs Department. He has prior experience serving on the Neighborhood STAR Board.

ELIZABETH (Betsy) REVEAL – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2011 – current term expires 2020

534 Superior Street, Saint Paul 55102

Ward 2 District Council 9

Betsy Reveal returned to St. Paul in 2009, after working in various American cities and abroad. She served as the chief budget officer, chief financial officer, or chief operating officer in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, PA., Seattle, WA, and the Kennedy School at Harvard, Amtrak and the United Nations Foundations. For the past fifteen years she has maintained a national and international consulting practice. She served as an ex-officio member of Planning Commission in Philadelphia and worked closely with Planning Departments and Commissions in Seattle and Washington, D.C.

JEFFREY RISBERG – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2019

1181 Portland Avenue, Saint Paul 55104

Ward 1 District Council 13

Since moving with his wife to St. Paul from San Francisco in 1990, Jeff has been committed to building a stronger community. He is a planning director at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, working on a wide range of water policy, stakeholder engagement, and program development issues. Jeff also had the honor of serving as a Director on the St. Paul School Board in 2011, and has served on the boards of several local nonprofit education, community and conservation organizations. Prior to working for the State of Minnesota, his broad career has included nonprofit management as executive director of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, corporate public relations and marketing, and he served on legislative staffs in Congress and the Office of the Vice President. He enjoys outdoor recreation with his family in all four of Minnesota's seasons, and is an avid fisherman and swimmer.

TERRI THAO – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2011 – current term expires 2018

2314 University Avenue, Ste. 18, St. Paul 55106

Ward 6 District Council 2

Terri Thao is a program officer at Nexus Community Partners, a non-profit community building intermediary. At Nexus, Terri runs the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI) which trains and places participants on publically appointed boards or commissions with the goal to advance equity in the Twin Cities region. Terri is an active community volunteer, serving on the boards of the Asian Economic Development Association, CommonBond Communities and the F.R. Bigelow Foundation. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and Russian and a Master's Degree in Public Policy, both obtained from the University of Minnesota.

WENDY UNDERWOOD – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2014 – current term expires 2020

212 Colborne Street, Saint Paul 55102

Ward 2 District Council 9

Wendy Underwood lives in the West Seventh neighborhood of Saint Paul. She is currently a Director of County Relations for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Wendy also served as Director of Government Affairs for the City of Saint Paul and held a variety of leadership roles at Target Corporation. Wendy is currently a board member of the Community Reporter, a monthly neighborhood newspaper, and serves on various state and local community advisory boards. Wendy and her husband, Darren Tobolt, enjoy volunteering in the neighborhood and working on projects with their 1882 Victorian home.

LUE VANG – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2020

1081 Minnehaha Avenue East, Saint Paul 55106

Ward 7 District Council 4

Lue Vang is currently at The Foundation for Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota where he supports physicians, directors, and managers with their program funding. In addition, he provides monthly financial reports on contributions, capital and program supports, and restricted funds to the management team. He is actively involved in the community. He sits on the board of directors for Saint Paul Neighbor Networks (SPNN) as Vice President. Prior to SPNN, he sat on the boards for Youthprise and Center for Hmong Arts and Talent.

ERIC WOJCHIK – Appointed to Planning Commission in 2017 – current term expires 2019

1725 Hague Avenue, Saint Paul 55014

Ward 4 District Council 13

Eric Wojchik is a Senior Planner in Local Planning Assistance with the Metropolitan Council. He provides technical assistance in comprehensive planning to metro communities and performs resiliency project work. Eric is from Minnesota but worked in Scotland as a Planner for many years. Much of his overseas work focused on EIA, sustainability and renewables. Eric has a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning and a Masters in Sustainable Development.

Eric lives in Merriam Park. He enjoys exploring St. Paul by walking and by bike, often with his mini Dachshund named Dash. Eric believes in the importance of mentoring and volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities and loves working in his local community garden near I94.