



SNO Board of Directors Election

2021

Voting instructions: Review the candidates responses listed below then **submit your vote via [this online survey](#)**. Online voting will take place until April 26th at 5PM and elected Board Members will be announced at our online [Annual Meeting](#) on Monday, April 26th from 7–9PM.

There are twelve (12) candidates running for the Board of Directors and eleven (11) spots on the Board of Directors. We will accept nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting for those who would like to be added as Alternates along with those who are not voted in.

Board of Directors Candidates:

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Kaylee Audrey Bond (1300 block of University Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident: Renter
Running for Re-election



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived in the Sheridan neighborhood since I moved to Minneapolis in 2013. I have an interest in the affordable housing, continued interest in uplifting the arts, and making the small businesses in this neighborhood thrive. I helped to organize the 13th Ave apartments team which sought to avoid having unaffordable housing created in our neighborhood. I've been on the board for the 2020 year and I would like to continue to serve on the board and hopefully be involved in more activities/events this year. I have a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Psychology and work with low income and the mentally ill throughout the Twin Cities.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I've served for the 2020 year and I learned a lot. I would like to continue to learn with the board and community and help make our neighborhood better. I love the Sheridan Neighborhood. I want to see it thrive and I want to see our community come together whether you are renter, owner, or an employee/ owner of a business in NE. I would love to help build excitement in our neighborhood for local politics and add my knowledge of technology and mental health to the framework of our neighborhood.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I would like to continue to improve our connection with the community and have more events that connect our neighbors. I would like to see more opportunities to keep/improve our ecological sustainability and to connect our neighbors through technology!

Dolores Cano–Martinez (300 block of 15th Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have been connected to the Sheridan Neighborhood since the day I was born. I grew up going to church at San Cyril and Holy Cross throughout college. I attended New Visions School for part of my middle school education. Aside from my history in Sheridan Neighborhood, I am a supporter around the community of small business and love to enjoy a great dish within the community.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

As a daughter of immigrants born and raised in the Sheridan community, I call this neighborhood Home. The meaning and value of being a community is defined as a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. Given my values from my family and Bethel University, I strive in hopes to share and listen to others within my neighborhood in order to develop the neighborhood we all love and cherish.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

SNO is Home for many in our community. Many with different ethnic backgrounds, education, gender, social status, and religion. If I were to be on the board, I hope to make wise, appreciative, and ethical decisions for the community to which regardless of our differences, we feel appreciated and acknowledged. Given my hopes for the community, I recently graduated from Bethel University with a bachelor's degree in business marketing in 2019. Ethical business is a value I greatly appreciate in which I hope to bring to the community when making decisions. As a Mexican American, I acknowledge and express my roots along with appreciation of others cultural roots. My background and education has taught me the importance of valuing this community that I hope to be part of greater for the great future of the children and vulnerable.

Lila Diver (1100 block of 2nd St NE)

Sheridan Resident

1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived and worked in Sheridan for five years now. I have befriended the business owners and made friends with my neighbors. Sheridan is a magical neighborhood full of possibility and opportunity for growth. I have watched it change drastically during my stay. From hi-rises to gentrification. I would like to keep this neighborhood a small neighborhood. It is heartbreaking to see artists kicked out from the neighborhood they came to for refuge.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors? What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I believe in being a part of a community, and forming relationships with those around me. I would like to implement more events involving children, and more events in general to get to know more people in the neighborhood. I would like to organize intramural sports if possible, art workshops, block parties, etc to connect the community together. Sheridan has the potential to be even more magical than it is. I want people to believe in connection again. This past year has shown us that connection is so pivotal in human wellness. We need to be proactive about connection and community for the sake of our mental state and the generations that come after us. Without community, we have nothing. I believe that community has been kind of lost in the wake of the technological revolution. It is our duty to bring it back and connect with one another again.

I come from a line of community builders myself. My grandma served heavily in her community for young kids with varying backgrounds. I now see myself as a connector to children. I am a native american woman with experience serving and loving children. Children are the future and they need good role models and mentors to succeed. That all starts with the type of community that they have. My bachelor's degree in anthropology makes me a good candidate for connection as well, as it is the study of people, cultures, and biology. This degree has allowed me to become a more cultured and well rounded individual. My soul loves humans, and I do think I would be able to serve you well if nominated for the board.

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Marina Duchesneau (1200 block of 6th St NE)

Sheridan Resident: Homeowner



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I am a homeowner in the Sheridan neighborhood.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

Northeast, especially the Sheridan neighborhood is a special place. With fantastic green space, restaurants, breweries and history, I'd like to ensure that this neighborhood will prosper for future generations. As the future is unknown, and we face unprecedented times, being a part of the board of directors would be meaningful, as I love this neighborhood. I can bring my experiences and passion for change to the table. My background is in environmental science & policy, and through my work I am not only a sales manager but also a leader within diversity and inclusion.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

My vision for SNO is a sustainable one. Collectively, we must look at all opportunities and think outside the box as new challenges present themselves. With a realistic mindset tied to an environmental degree and a background in sales, I'd like to honor, protect and grow the neighborhood by creating new opportunities. If we want to preserve history and the places we love, we will have to do it sustainability and with the future generation in mind. Understanding what our options are, restrictions, and how big the budget is, we can partner together with more local establishments to create a stronger community. With extra time on my hands these days, I would love the opportunity to reach out to businesses and residents to make sure every voice is heard regarding real issues our community faces today.

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Sam Palmer (1400 block of Grand St NE)

Sheridan Resident: Homeowner

1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I own a duplex that I will live in on Grand St. I also have been a renter in the neighborhood for a year prior.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I have been a Minneapolis resident since 2014 and have seen the importance of neighborhood organizations in the city and I wish to participate in the one where I am a homeowner.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

My vision for the neighborhood is one that is welcoming to all walks of life and those who both rent or own. I believe Northeast Minneapolis is a special part of the city and I want to work to keep that uniqueness. I have served as a chairperson of a Board at the University of Minnesota. I am also a young homeowner/landlord (25 years old) and believe that offers me a diverse perspective.



Amy Peterson (1100 block of Main St NE)

Sheridan Resident: Renter



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived in the Sheridan Neighborhood since January 2019.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I have participated in multiple Sheridan Neighborhood events and would like to become more involved in my neighborhood. I would like to bring my skill set to the SNO Board in order to help develop programs and opportunities that will serve the community that I have come to love.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I am unsure at this time of what I envision for the SNO board but I am very curious to learn more through participation. In the time that I have been a resident here I have developed positive relationships with my neighbors which have included creating a community resource building. As an example, when the pandemic began I realized that some neighbors in my building were struggling so I developed and have continued to maintain a resource list for residents as well as a food shelf here in my apartment building.

I have previously served in AmeriCorps as a literacy tutor at the Anishinabe Academy and currently serve as a VISTA for the Steve Rummeler Hope Network which is a non-profit organization that works to prevent opioid overdose in Minnesota. My recent education from the University of Minnesota is in Multidisciplinary Studies with a focus on sociology, gender studies, administration, and holistic health studies. I also have an Associate of Arts degree as well a certificate in Women's Studies and Addiction Studies from Minneapolis Community and Technical College. In addition, I have spent many years in administration and customer service. This education and experience in many disciplines means that I have a solid base of knowledge regarding many issues facing people in our community and know how to navigate systems and create relationships in order to create change and accomplish goals.

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Carin Peterson (200 block of University Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident: Renter
Running for Re-election



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have been a Sheridan resident for nearly 8 years. I have served on the board for 4 years and have loved every minute of it!

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I would like to continue serving my community. I believe in the power of our neighborhood organizations and all we have to contribute to the success of all Minneapolis. I like to make connections in furtherance of that ability to contribute. Serving on my neighborhood board allows me to do this and more.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

Sheridan is a wonderful neighborhood. I want to do all that I can to preserve that which we hold most dear while working with the city to adjust to changing times. We must be prepared to accept more density but not sacrifice our neighborhood character doing so. This means we all must fight for density that ensures diversity! And fight hard against the loss of NOAH and the displacement of many residents who cannot afford today's "affordable housing".

I believe my ability to make connections that strengthen our cause and make things happen is helpful to the board. I have taken many courses and webinars to expand my knowledge and skills while making more connections with other neighborhoods.

Some of the programs I have participated in:

- ~ Neighborhoods Now thru the UofM CURA center
- ~ NCR – completed the Community Course on working with Diverse communities
- ~ Several webinars on racial equity, white fragility, restorative justice

I have also served on several boards and task forces:

- ~ Broadway street taskforce

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- ~ Sheridan elementary school site council
- ~ N2020 work group 3
- ~ Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee
- ~ Pierre Bottineau Friends of the library committee
- ~ Pollinator planting group on the University & Broadway project

In addition, I have the benefit of time allowing me to attend many 2Pac gatherings and other neighborhood meetings. Building relationships and helping our neighbors where ever possible. And, I have a degree in Urban Planning, from many years ago, but it has helped me to navigate the City of Minneapolis.

Michael Rosenberg (200 block of 16th Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident: Renter



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived in the Sheridan Neighborhood on 16th Ave since 2018. I love connecting with and supporting the local businesses, restaurants, and my neighbors in this community. My previous place of employment was also in this neighborhood.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I would like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors to learn more about my neighborhood and the people in it. There is so much that this neighborhood provides me with on a daily basis, and I would love the opportunity to give back my time, energy, and efforts in order to make this neighborhood the best place to live, work, and play in Minneapolis.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I want to see SNO and our community grow to be the most inclusive and innovative neighborhood in Minneapolis. As a young person living here in Northeast, I want to be a part of a community that provides the best possible opportunities and resources to ALL people who interact with the Sheridan Neighborhood. My experiences and background in design, marketing, small business, and organizing community events should all help me to serve my community the best I possibly can.

Joy Smallfield (1400 block of 6th St NE)

Sheridan Resident: Homeowner
Running for Re-election



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

My connection SNO is I have been a resident since 1998. I became involved in the neighborhood organization through volunteering for the SNO Ball, a fundraising event for Sheridan neighborhood. I have been on the board a number of years and love interacting with the community through various projects and outreach at the neighborhood level.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I would like to serve on the board again because I believe in what we do as community volunteers through neighborhood organizations. I love the connections we make with our neighbors and with the city. The neighborhood organizations and funding structure through the city enable neighborhoods to have a voice in how we affect our community and run programs to benefit Sheridan residents and businesses. We are also a liaison to the city when issues arise that affect our community and beyond.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

My goal is to create partnerships, reach out to community typically underrepresented in neighborhood organizations and our community. I believe we must always strive to connect with the broadest population in our community.

Skills and experiences: I bring institutional knowledge from years served on the board. I am passionate about this work and am proud of how our community organization has evolved through the years. The work is never done and we could always do better.

Caleigh Souhan (1500 block of 6th St NE)

Sheridan Resident: Renter
Running for Re-election



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I've lived in the neighborhood since August 2018 and absolutely love it! My best friend Nailah used to be the Office Coordinator and that's how I got introduced to SNO.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I love the neighborhood and believe I would help Sheridan be the best neighborhood around. I want to devote my time to serving my neighbors.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I am excited to help Sheridan fund important projects for the neighborhood! There's a lot of work to do and I'm excited to engage with everyone.

Maryjo Vickers (1600 block of California St NE)

Sheridan Resident



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived in Sheridan for the past nine years and love the community and culture. I love that Sheridan continues to stick to its art roots but also is willing to change as the social culture around us changes, for example the renaming of our neighborhood.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I have previously served as a board member and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I had to take a step back for a couple years due to time constraints, but am excited to hopefully participate again. I want to serve on the board to listen to and facilitate the voices in our community and bring about the change and opportunities those voices want.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I want to help SNO continue to have all voices in our community be heard. My background is in HR which will bring a lot of skills to the board– communication, listening, building bridges, meeting people where they are at, etc. I have been so impressed with the structure and communication that SNO has provided and think my skills can help in these efforts.

Sean H. Wall (1400 block of Main St NE)

Sheridan Resident: Homeowner
Running for Re-election



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

We have lived in the neighborhood for more than 15 years.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I am passionate about the village feel of our area and want to keep that essence.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

My career experience as a VPGM of mid-sized companies gives me good experience of delivering projects by rallying a team to address barriers. I can help the board drive to a shared vision. I want to maintain a diverse spectrum of residents and businesses while keeping our roots as an artist community.