

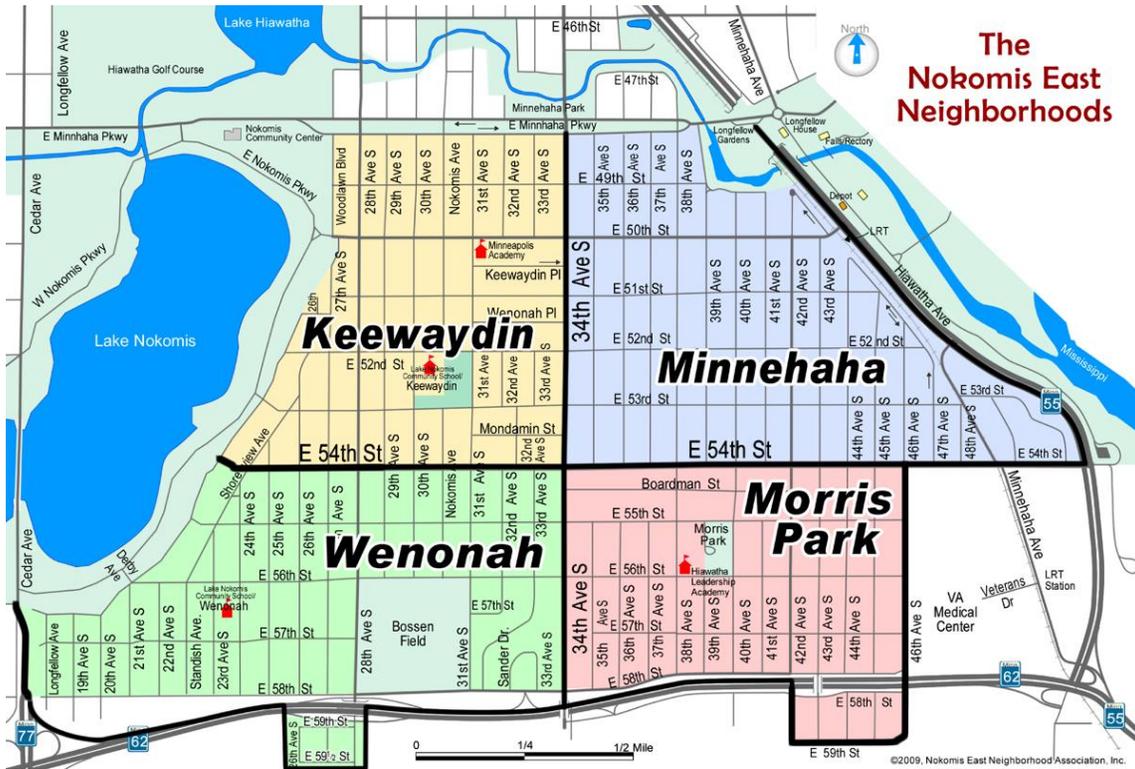
Nomination Form – Part 2 Biographical Information

(Posted on the NENA Website)

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Nominee Name: Katie Sheetz

Currently Serving on the NENA Board



Board Seat Nomination (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Keewaydin Neighborhood Resident | And/Or |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minnehaha Neighborhood Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morris Park Neighborhood Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Employee (Only eligible for At-Large Seat) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wenonah Neighborhood Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident Property Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat) |

1. Tell us about yourself and your experience in your neighborhood and in Nokomis East?

I moved to Nokomis East in 2009 after house hunting in the area for a year. My husband, Steve, found a FSBO house on craigslist and we jumped at it before anyone else could. Having found our home, we married the following year at Minnehaha Falls and wanting to keep it in the 'hood, tried to use as many nearby businesses for our wedding and reception. Frequenting local businesses and loving our neighborhood became a good habit. In the beginning of 2016, I finally reached out to this NENA organization I had only read about, and found there was an interim board position open beginning March. I went to the February meeting to observe and met with Becky, the Executive Director, and again felt I'd found a neighborhood place that fit my values and desires to be a part of improving my home.

2. Why are you interested in serving on the NENA Board of Directors? Describe your interests, skills, experience, hobbies, volunteer work or community involvement that will help your service on the Board?

I want to continue to serve on the NENA Board of Directors because I have found there are incredible people in this neighborhood that work well together in keeping this neighborhood moving towards a more inclusive and ever expanding influence for the ones that live/work/visit Nokomis East. My openness towards new people and ideas allows for others to feel valued and needed, lending to not only conversation and relationship growth; but also creates a positive experience for others and a desire to continue to come back and be a part of something great. My work and volunteer experience revolves around coordinating people, keeping events running smoothly, and encouraging people to put their best foot forward for the greater good.

3. What hopes, goals and concerns do you have for your neighborhood and Nokomis East?

For Nokomis East, and Minnehaha in particular, I hope to grow neighbor participation and connections. When I initially joined NENA, it was for a personal desire to become more involved in my neighborhood. Now, I would like to expand that goal to involving my closest neighbors in neighborhood projects/events and to ultimately increase communications between neighbors beyond social media channels.

4. What hopes, goals and concerns do you have for NENA?

I hope to continue working on expanding the influence of the newly formed Green Initiatives Committee (GIC) and growing the GIC's committee attendance and participation.

5. How will you reach out to the community during your Board term?

The number one way I will reach out to this community is through conversation and being present. As stated in a few answers above, my family and I try to "keep it in the 'hood" with our excursions and patronage of businesses. We are often meeting and conversing with people and chatting about our experiences and what events/places we visit. Conversation spreads naturally..."oh, did you hear that..." and conversation is the best tool for connection.

6. What additional organizations, programs and events are you involved with?

Animal Humane Society; MRES - Minnesota Renewable Energy Society; Minnesota Public Radio; Seward Coop; Tangletown Gardens CSA