

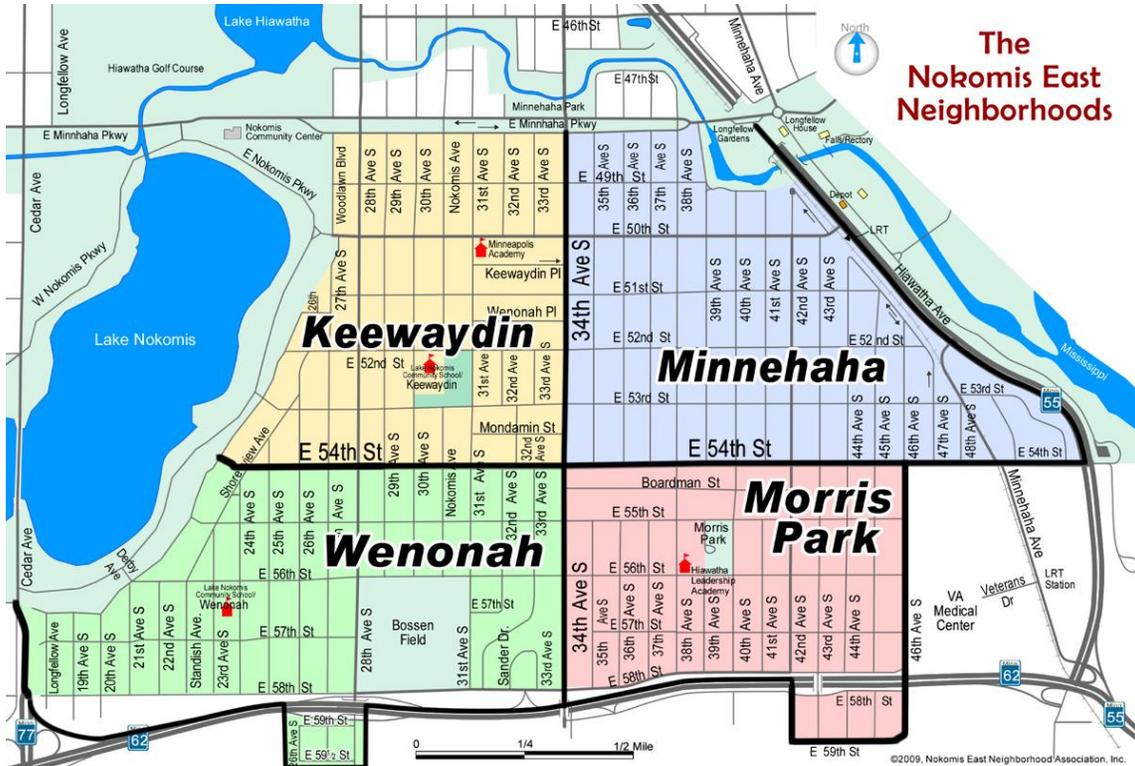
Nomination Form – Part 2 Biographical Information

(Posted on the NENA Website)

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Nominee Name: Mark Keeler

Currently Serving on the NENA Board



Board Seat Nomination (Check all that apply):

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keewaydin Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Minnehaha Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Morris Park Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wenonah Neighborhood Resident</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>And/Or</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Employee (Only eligible for At-Large Seat)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident Property Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat)</p> |
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1. Tell us about yourself and your experience in your neighborhood and in Nokomis East?

I have lived in Wenonah with my wife and baby girl for the past two years. We love the feeling of living in a small town within a big city. In the small amount of time we have lived here we have enjoyed building relationships with our neighbors and local businesses. We also enjoy living so close to Lake Nokomis and Minnehaha Falls. Our hope is to live in this home for many years to come..

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?

Over the past two years I have served on the NENA board and for the past year I have had the privilege of serving as our board chair. Vocationally I have been a pastoral leader in a few different churches around Minneapolis over the past 8 years. My hope is to continue to serve as a board member to help the board in strategic planning and get more involved in some of NENA's committees. Also, with the number of board seats we have open right now I hope to bring some continuity to our board.

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

My hope is that while our neighborhood grows younger we can grow strong community identity with our new neighbors. I hope we continue to see new and innovative businesses move into our area. I'm concerned that as housing prices rise in our area that affordable housing will become even more difficult to find. Our neighborhood and our city need to have better plans to fight the gentrification that every city faces.

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

I hope we continue to be a connecting place for all of the organizations in our area. I hope we can continue to attract talented and committed staff and volunteers. I'm concerned Minneapolis won't plan adequate funding for neighborhood organizations.

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

I will continue to tell my neighbors about the important things happening with NENA. I assume as we move into the next couple years of our organization that we will continue to have door knocking campaigns and petitions that need signatures. I hope to participate in these efforts.

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

I lead a church in Plymouth that takes up quite a bit of my time. But I love being involved with NENA outside of that time.