Nominee Name: Jerome Evans

Seat Nomination: Minnehaha Neighborhood Representative & At Large Seat
Currently Serving on the NENA Board: Yes

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

My name is Jerome, I have been a resident of the Minnehaha neighborhood for three and a half years, and my experience with Nokomis East has been profoundly positive and rewarding. From Minnehaha Creek to Lake Nokomis, we who live here are constantly enriched by the natural beauty of our surroundings. We also benefit from the local businesses in the neighborhood that 1) provide convenient food, goods, and services and 2) give back to the neighborhood. My goal as a NENA board member will be to ensure that the natural resources that we all enjoy are preserved, that our local businesses are supported by their partnership with the neighborhood organization, and to ensure that NENA's programming benefits the residents of the neighborhood.

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 have served as an At-Large board member for almost two years and I believe that my service has been beneficial to the board. During my time I served on the Finance Committee and helped establish NENA's 1000 day finance and fundraising plan. I have also served as chair of the Fundraising Events team and in that position I helped the Crockpot Cook-off evolve into the NENA Neighborhood Jam. Both events were successful - in that they raised hundreds of dollars for the organization - but I believe that NENA's funding sources still require diversification. I'd like to remain on the board to help secure NENA's financial position for the long term.

Additionally, I would like for NENA to extend more programming that is dedicated to our youth and senior citizens. In the past that programming area has been championed by board members who were not able to carry programs dedicated to those demographics across the finish line. I'd like to dedicate a substantial portion of my term towards creating services that ensure our seniors are taken care of and that enrich the youth of Nokomis East.

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

1) I hope that Nokomis East residents continue to support the businesses along the 34th Avenue corridor during this period of prolonged construction.
2) My goal is to support the opening a new coffee shop in Nokomis East by whatever means necessary!
3) I am concerned that the Hiawatha Golf Course development and the Lake Nokomis Park developments aren't being planned in partnership with one another.

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

1) I am hopeful for a year of continued growth.
2) My goal for NENA is to help the organization secure more volunteer participation.
3) And my only concern is that people aren't fully utilizing all of the resources that NENA has to offer.
5. How will you reach out to the community during your Board term?

Over the last few years I have engaged with the NENA community by attending nearly every NENA event. To cultivate more communication, however, I think that we should consider advertising the monthly "board meetings" as "board meeting and listening sessions" so that people understand that their opinions are welcome and encouraged.

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

I sit on the Public Health Advisory Committee for the City of Minneapolis and I am on the Minnehaha Place condo association board.

7. If elected, will you be able to complete the full term of service (2 years / 1 year)? Yes

I affirm that I meet the requirements of serving on the NENA Board of Directors and the information given in this Nomination Form is factual and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that should the nominee become an elected Board Member, any false statements, omissions or other misrepresentations could result in immediate dismissal. Yes