

Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association's 2016 Candidate Guide

(Amended June 20, 2016)

OFFICERS (Vote for one in each position: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)

President

Jan Morse

The Marcy-Holmes neighborhood has been my home for the past 24 years. I am a graduate of the University of Minnesota's HH Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and work at the university as an ombudsman and the director of the Student Conflict Resolution Center. Twenty years ago this spring I was the project manager for the 35W freeway planting of 5,000 trees, shrubs, vines, and wildflowers. I served on the MHNA Board during the 90's, for three years as president. Last year my husband and I built what I think is the first MH 'Little Free Library' and enjoy meeting neighbors as we exchange books.

I am interested in serving again because of the many changes going on in our neighborhood and city. Of particular concern are transportation, safety, and livability issues, brought by the dramatic increase in the number of residents --- and their vehicles. I am also interested in honoring the historic character of the fabric of our neighborhood, and maintaining our 'small town' closeness, while taking opportunities to bring good things to Marcy Holmes.

Vice President

Bob Stableski

Since moving back to Minneapolis five years ago—I grew up here, went to the U, lived on 8th Avenue SE many moons ago—I have been interested in our neighborhood association. First as a volunteer, then as chair of the Marcy-Holmes Master Plan committee, later as a Board member, and in the past year as treasurer, I have seen the good work of the association, embrace its mission and understand its internal operations and requirements. Recently retired, I have had the time to work closely with the executive director on management issues, have met with the City agencies and developers about Marcy-Holmes projects, and researched other associations' approaches to various issues.

What I will bring to the vice president position is knowledge and skills from a long career in senior management of not-for-profit organizations and national associations, as well as consulting experience with a variety of them in strategic planning and board development. I have served on a number of national and local boards, and know there is no one way to get things done—and experience has exposed me to many different ways of approaching issues and challenges. I have the time and interest to apply all I have learned to improve our rapidly changing Marcy-Holmes neighborhood, and I wish to see the mission remain vibrant, the master plan implemented, and the many voices that make up Marcy-Holmes heard and respected.

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neighborhood so much that he decided to stay and our neighborhood has been his home ever since. While living here you may have encountered him at work at work, at play frequenting Marcy-Holmes businesses or, likely, while he enjoyed a walk out in the open air. But, whether you caught a glimpse of him in passing, struck up a conversation or have yet to make his acquaintance, he has been representing your interests for years. Marcus has been a leader both in the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, on its board, co-founding its Environment Committee, sharing the helm of our Land Use Committee, and in various organizations active in our area and beyond (Community Power, the University District Alliance and the Minnesota DFL). He's committed to fighting for the betterment of our neighborhoods in local government. Now, in addition, he has become one of our neighborhood small business owners, operating both communications consulting and massage therapy businesses, while becoming even more active in the community. His creativity, open, analytical mind, unique perspective and desire to represent diverse voices make him, and his penchant for ideas, valuable resources for the community, moving forward.

Secretary

John Capecci

A 20-year resident, John is a communications consultant, coach and writer at Capecci Communications, a strategic communications firm he founded in 1997. Prior to this, he worked in nonprofit development and communications, and taught college public speaking, organizational communication and performance studies courses. He's co-author of "Living Proof: Telling Your Story to Make a Difference," a guide to employing personal stories as agents of change. For the past year, he has co-chaired the MHNA Creative Places committee and has served as the MHNA secretary. John is on the advisory board for The Soap Factory and is particularly interested in helping promote the neighborhood's unique identity among both residents and visitors.

Treasurer

Doug Carlson

As a business development executive for a Federal Prime contractor serving the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Doug Carlson makes time to give back to his community, where he has lived since 1969 and owned a home since 1984. Serving on the MHNA Board since 2004, Doug led the board as chair from 2010 – 2013, and has represented MHNA on the University District Alliance Board since 2009. His other leadership roles include serving as the current chair of the Greek Task Force Community/Government Relations Committee, the Past 3 year Treasurer of the District Councils Collaborative, the Chair and eleven-year Director of the College Housing Infrastructure Act Congressional Political Action Committee and lobbying organization, and chair, treasurer, or director of many local and national partnership-based organizations. He is inspired to be an agent of change in neighborhood-transforming projects, offering newer, sharper management tools.

DIRECTORS (vote for 6 directors) Note if Marcus Mills elected VP, delete from Director slate

Cordelia Pierson

Cordelia Pierson selected Marcy-Holmes as home in 1990, drawn to this Mississippi riverfront neighborhood while she attended the University of Minnesota Law School. Now homeowners and landlords, she and her husband Steve are parents for two teenage boys, one attending the U of M. As executive director of the Minnesota Environmental Fund, she engages individuals and workplaces to support leading nonprofit organizations that protect, conserve and restore Minnesota's environment. She serves on Minnesota's Mississippi River Parkway Commission, representing the Twin Cities region, and served as Executive Director of the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership and conserved land for people at the Trust for Public Land. Pierson brings a strong focus on creating vibrant, green cities, starting in her neighborhood; she has served as an officer and director for the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, co-chairs the new Environment Committee, and leads the Sixth Avenue Greenway and Dinkytown Greenway projects. As the next five years offer great opportunity for change, with continuing growth in housing and the potential of greater connections with downtown and the Mississippi riverfront, Pierson strives to build the capacity of Marcy-Holmes, especially engaging people who live, work and play here to improve our neighborhood and city.

Dick Kavaney

A riverfront resident, Dick Kavaney brings extensive background in the construction industry, with training and experience both as an engineer and a lawyer. From 1997 to 2004, he served as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota, teaching legal issues for construction professionals. Since he retired, he has been very active as a grandfather and on several nonprofit boards, including a housing cooperative, a sustainability organization, and represents the third ward on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Minneapolis City Council.

Jim Roth

I graduated from the U of MN with an Education degree in 1984. I took a cross-country bicycle trip to discover myself and returned to Minneapolis to become a doctor of chiropractic in 1992. In all my travels, I always return to the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood. It is, and always has been, my home. For the past 25 years I have been running the business operations for a chiropractic firm. I am at a stage in my life where I would like to give back to the community, now that I am "nested" at the A-Mill Artists Lofts. I am a "people person" with many skills to share, including running my own small business. I enjoyed being the site coordinator at this year's Earth Day River Clean Up in the neighborhood. My interests on the board are: gardens, trees, parks, biking and walking, and energy efficiency.

Kim Renneberg

I'm an East Coast transplant though I have lived all over the country including Maryland, New York, Montana, Florida, Illinois and now Minnesota! My husband and I moved to the Twin Cities 13 years ago and just 3 years ago bought a wonderful historic home here in the neighborhood.

I've been in the hospitality industry for 20 years and I've done almost every job (washing dishes, waiting tables, stacking chairs, sales, accounting, operations) but the majority of that time has been spent planning events. I got my start in Chicago at the Drake Hotel. Being an event planner has given me the ability to think on my feet, keep a level head when the inevitable surprises happen and the resources to quickly find solutions. Some highlights over the years include working on events with heads of state both in Chicago and here in the Twin Cities, working on the RNC while I worked at the St. Paul Hotel (though I wished it was the DNC), several weddings that cost as much as my house, meeting many celebrities and having a LOT of stories that I should really put into a book one day.

I'm interested in history and architecture and so this neighborhood is a perfect fit; in fact, I have started researching the history of the house and its original owner. We recently unearthed the original blueprints to discover that much of the house is in its original state! I'm an enthusiastic gardener; I tend one of the bump gardens in addition to those in my own yard. I want to get more involved in the community and volunteer my time. I feel this would be a wonderful opportunity to accomplish both.

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Robin McGalliard Nelson

Robin McGalliard Nelson has lived in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood since 1997. She is a self-employed music teacher and dance caller with long-time connections to Marcy Open School. Robin is married to Eric Nelson, formerly the principal minister at First Congregational Church of MN. Robin served on the board at Tapestry Folk Dance Center where she worked on strategic planning as the organization transitioned to owning their own building. She loves her wonderful neighbors and neighborhood and feels it is time to give back. Her interests on the MHNA board are arts, land use, parks and walkability.