

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** [Janelle Widmeier](#), Senior City Planner, (612) 673-3156

**DATE:** December 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

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The Board of Adjustment has three open seats. After solicitation of resident nominees and interest by current members, the interview panel has prepared the following advisory list for consideration to serve a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment:

Name	Appointing Agency	Date of appointment	Expiration of term	Ward
Eric Johannessen	City Council	March 7, 2012	December 31, 2018	12
Richard Sandberg	City Council	May 2, 2008	December 31, 2018	7
Ami Thompson	City Council	January 1, 2010	December 31, 2018	2

Thank you.



# Application for Appointment to a Board, Committee, Commission or Task Force

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Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force:	Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Applicant Name:	Eric Johannessen		
City of Residence:	Minneapolis	Ward:	12
Occupation:	Job Captain		
Employer:	Cunningham Group		
Employer Address:	201 Main Street SE Suite 325, Minneapolis MN 55414		

Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.

I have been involved in Architecture since 1985 and have worked on nearly all building project types in Minneapolis. I have an appreciation for well planned cities and have visited nearly all the cities in the US larger than Minneapolis plus many global cities. My experiences have helped me gain knowledge and understanding of how important well planned cities grow positively and still meet the needs of their citizens. I hope my experience serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2013 - 2015 has helped Minneapolis and it's citizens live and enjoy their city to the fullest.

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NOTE: If appointed, Minnesota Statute 13.601 requires that a telephone number and/or an e-mail address where the appointee can be reached and residential address will be considered public data.

List the reasons you want to serve on this body:

1. I believe strongly in serving the community I live in.
2. Through my Architectural career and my first term as Board Member I feel like I have a solid understanding of the regulations governing the city's development.
3. I want to play a role in shaping the development of the city I live in and I believe that I have a unique skill set to offer on the commission from my professional experience in Architecture.

List the issues that you believe the committee should address:

During our 2015 BoA Retreat I feel like the issues I am most concerned with are being addressed. Staying strong on not allowing residents to exceed their Area and Height requirements. Can Exterior Stairs at ADU's be covered to protect from the elements as an option to being interior of the structure?

List names, addresses and telephone numbers of no more than 3 references.

Names:	Addresses:	Phone Numbers:
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

List any financial interests (where required) or associations with which you are involved that may present a conflict of interest:

None that I am aware of.

Typing your name into the signature line will satisfy the requirements for a legal signature.

Signature: Eric T. Johannessen Date: October 19, 2015

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<b><u>Title of the Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force this application is for</u></b> Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Name: Richard J Sandberg	Ward: 7
City of residence: Minneapolis	
Occupation: Retired – Engineering / Product Development Management	Employer: Thermo King Corp (Thru June 2007)
Employer's Address: 314 W 90th Street, Bloomington MN 55420	
Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.	
Current Member of Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Former Board President of Citizens for Loring Park Community (CLPC)	
Former Chair of Land Use Committee for CLPC	
Former Chair of Livability Committee for CLPC	
Former Chair Mechanical Engineering Advisory Council University of Minnesota	
Born in Minneapolis	
Graduate of University of Minnesota and Minneapolis Roosevelt High School	

Return completed applications to:

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ADDRESS*: [REDACTED]		ZIP+4: [REDACTED]
Home and/or Wireless Telephone Number*: [REDACTED]	Work Telephone Number*: [REDACTED]	Fax: [REDACTED]
E-Mail Address*: [REDACTED]		

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List the reasons you want to serve on this body:

Personal stake in Minneapolis' quality of life (as resident and homeowner)  
Belief that citizen participation helps the city operate effectively  
Appropriate development will make Minneapolis a better place to live and work

List issues you believe the committee should address:

Consider interests of neighbors and community as property is developed and used  
Treat property owners fairly in use of their property  
Enhance safety, enjoyment and economic value for the community  
Protect the environment as property is developed and used

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Name	Address	Phone Number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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None

Signature:  Date: SEPT 8 2015

01/23/2014



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Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force:	Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Applicant Name:	Ami Thompson		
City of Residence:	Minneapolis	Ward:	2
Occupation:	Graduate Student and Environmental Educator		
Employer:	University of Minnesota & Self Employed		
Employer Address:	20 Skok Hall, 2003 Upper Buford Circle St. Paul, MN, 55108		

Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.

From 2011 – 2015 I served my first and second term on the Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience and highly value this opportunity for civic engagement.

From 2009 – 2011 I was a very active commissioner on the Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission. I was elected to be one of four Commission Facilitators by my peers and am the Facilitator of the Selection and Diversity Task Force. I received a Certificate of Appreciation from City Council while on this commission.

My educational and professional background is in environmental & conservation science. I have B.S. degree in Conservation from UW-River Falls where I took multiple land use planning courses. I graduated Cum Laude. I'm currently in graduate school at the University of Minnesota pursuing a PhD in Conservation Biology which is a degree that emphasizes the meeting of social and hard sciences.

I am professional, punctual, and a creative critical thinker. I understand the commitments of being on the board and am willing and able to prepare for and attend meetings.

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List the reasons you want to serve on this body:

I have very much enjoyed serving on this body over the past few years. I highly value the opportunity to be involved in city processes and feel that my knowledge and skills around environmental science have been a unique and beneficial addition to the board.

I learned a lot about community engagement as an NCEC commissioner leading to a strong interest in land use planning, particularly in balancing the needs of the citizens, the city, and making environmentally sustainable decisions.

In a past career as a National Park Ranger, I taught visitors about the geologic reasons Minneapolis was established at this point on the River. I also frequently praised Theodore Wirth for his forward-thinking design of Minneapolis' extensive accessible public parks and recreation areas that still contribute to the city's exceptional livability and general health and beauty. This knowledge of the origin and history of Minneapolis has made me more and aware, curious, and invested in continuing the tradition of wisely managing the land we have in a fair, economically viable, and sustainable way.

List the issues that you believe the committee should address:

I would like to be part of making smart, reasonable, and environmentally sustainable decisions based on the requests brought to the board. I understand this board is not a policy-making body.

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I don't have any financial interests or associations that may present a conflict of interest that I am aware of. I will be vigilant to be ethical in my behavior and reveal any potential conflicts that may arise.

Typing your name into the signature line will satisfy the requirements for a legal signature.

Signature: *Anni Thompson* Date: 10/9/15

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