

#### Summary Introduction

The information contained in this document outline how NRP Policy Board members are elected by neighborhood organization representatives.

#### Background:

The creation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), through State legislative action, created an NRP Policy Board to oversee the program and to review and approve/disapprove Neighborhood Action Plans for the use of NRP funds. The State NRP Law requires that the NRP Policy Board meet quarterly.

In 2020, the City of Minneapolis created the Neighborhoods 2020 Program as a new funding program for neighborhood organizations. During this process, the community, Policy Board and City Council approved revising the Policy Board structure to increase neighborhood representation to eight (8) neighborhood representatives (increased from the previous limit of four neighborhood representatives).

On December 7, 2023, the Minneapolis City Council approved the district maps, election procedures and updated the city ordinance to reflect these changes.

#### Membership Description:

Membership consists of the Mayor, or designee, and the City Council President or other member of the City Council. One elected official from each of the following entities: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minneapolis Board of Education, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, a representative from the House of Representatives Minneapolis delegation, a representative from the State Senate Minneapolis delegation, and eight (8) neighborhood representatives.

The neighborhood representatives will consist of six (6) districts and two (2) at large members to be elected by residents of Minneapolis of each district. The district boundaries for the NRP Policy Board will be coterminous with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Minneapolis School district boundaries. See Attachment 1. For detailed boundary information, based on addresses, visit the [interactive map](#).

#### Term Limit:

2 years.

#### Residency Requirement:

Must be a Minneapolis resident and over 18 years of age.

#### Compensation:

None.

#### Selection Procedure:

The Mayor, City Council, and governing bodies of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minneapolis School Board, Hennepin County, and representatives from the Minneapolis House and Senate delegations shall appoint elected members to serve on the Policy Board.

The Mayor will have a continuous term for so long as they hold such position; the terms of the other government officials will be determined by their appointing bodies.

The neighborhood representatives will consist of six (6) districts and two (2) at-large members to be elected by neighborhood elector(s) of each district. This election will take place at the annual Community Connections Conference on February 17, 2024. See the NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representation Election section below.

**Appointing Cycle:**

Spring.

**Meeting Schedule:**

Third Tuesday of each month. All meetings will occur in person.

**NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Election Procedures**

Candidates wishing to participate in the election process for the Neighborhood Representatives to the NRP Policy Board shall fill out a questionnaire, provided by the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department, no later than January 20, 2024. The candidate questionnaire will be utilized to create a candidate profile by district.

Candidates may request to be on the ballot for one of the following:

- A specific district representative; or
- An at-large citywide representative.

All candidates must be residents of the City or of the district that they wish to represent. Completed applications should be sent to [ncr@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ncr@minneapolismn.gov) or mailed to:

Neighborhood and Community Relations 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 425  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

**Community Connections Conference**

During the conference neighborhood elector(s) will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the NRP Policy Board.
- Connect with neighborhood organizations participating in the event.
- Cast a ballot for their NRP Policy Board representative (district and at-large).

It should be noted that residents may nominate themselves for the NRP Policy Board seat up until the election starts. Therefore, every effort should be made for electors to be present at the Community Connections Conference.

**Voting by Elector**

Elector(s) may vote for district representative candidates within which they represent and for one (1) at-large representatives. Voters may cast their ballots through February 17, 2024, for their choice of candidate(s) for their district and one at-large member.

An elector may, through February 17, 2024, cast their vote by one of two methods:

- At the community connections conference.
- If a selected elector cannot attend the Community Connections Conference, they may send an email to [ncr@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ncr@minneapolismn.gov) indicating their choice of candidate(s) at least 48 hours prior to the start of the Community Connections Conference.

#### Elector Requirements

Every neighborhood organization may select an elector to vote on their behalf at the Community Connections Conference.

Once a neighborhood selects a member to be an elector, they must contact NCR to identify their elector (at least 48 hours prior to the Community Connections Conference). An elector can be any person, above the age of 18, selected by a neighborhood board to cast a ballot.

The neighborhood organization must email [ncr@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ncr@minneapolismn.gov) to identify their selected elector including the phone number and email address of their elector. An organization may select an alternate elector in case the primary elector can not make the Community Connections Conference.

#### Neighborhoods in more than one district

A neighborhood organization who represents a neighborhood(s) in more than one district is permitted to vote in each district they represent. In this case an organization may choose to select a singular elector or multiple electors to ensure their vote is represented.

Organizations should identify which elector is authorized to cast a ballot on their behalf for each district, including 'At-Large' representatives.

#### Neighborhood Organization Notification

The NCR department will provide all neighborhood organizations candidate information immediately after the close of the candidate filing period. Candidates are advised to contact their neighborhood organization to discuss opportunities to engage with residents.

Neighborhood organizations may ask candidates to attend gatherings, meet and greet events, or board meetings to provide an opportunity for residents to become familiar with the election, candidates and roles of the NRP Policy Board.

#### Results

The NCR Department will post the results of the election within one month of the close of the voting period ([www.minneapolismn.gov/NCR](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/NCR)). The NCR Department will contact each candidate to inform them of the results as soon as all the votes are verified and tallied.

### [Challenging the results of the NRP Policy Board Election](#)

In the case of a challenge to the results of the NRP Policy Board election a candidate may request to see the total votes cast and the method of the vote(s). If the candidate still wishes to contest the election they must provide a written explanation, including:

- reason(s) for a challenge.
- proof of impropriety of the election; and
- suggested remedies for the challenge, if upheld.

The final decision regarding the challenge will be made by the NCR Director. The NCR Director, or their designee, may utilize other city staff, including from the Minneapolis Election and Voter Services, to investigate any challenges. NRP Policy Board Members, who are seated at the time of the election, may also be called upon to investigate any election claims.

This process may take up to 45 days to complete.

### [Questions?](#)

NCR will hold three information sessions to help answer any questions. These will be held on:

#### **December 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 294 290 492 737

Passcode: M776UC

#### **January 17, 2024**

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 269 969 343 517

Passcode: wFib4q

#### **January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams meeting

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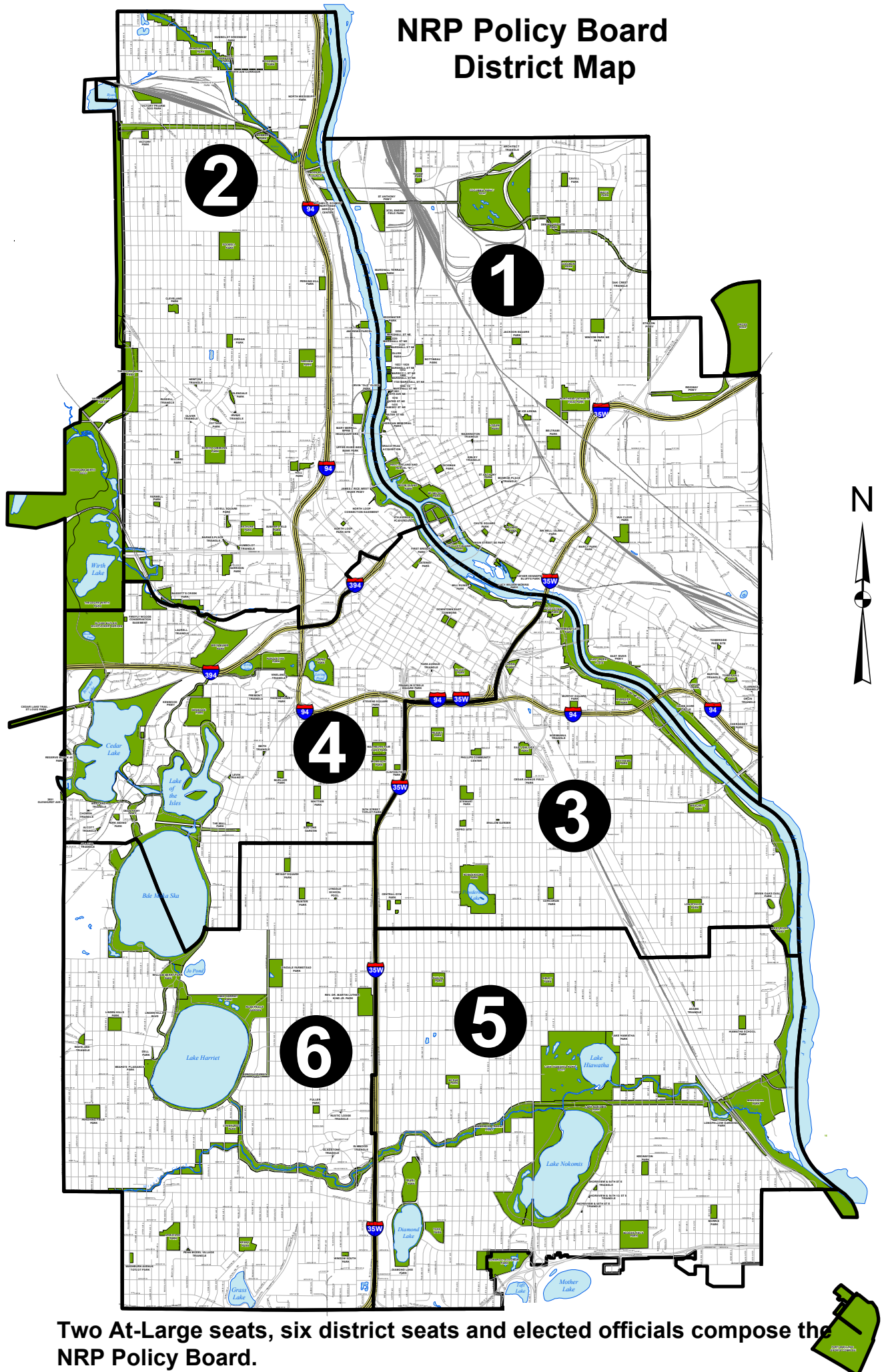
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# NRP Policy Board District Map



Two At-Large seats, six district seats and elected officials compose the NRP Policy Board.