



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

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I hereby certify, that I wish to serve as Community Officer on the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers and I live, work, or own property within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature/ Firma Jamie Paige Date 11/29/2018

Please find my attached signed letter and answers to the application questions as an intent to run for the consideration for the Community Officer position on the VNC. Please let me know if you have any questions.

1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the VNC Board of Officers. a) Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when? b) Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long? c) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position. d) How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area?

I wish to serve on the VNC because I believe it's important to serve in the communities we live. I desire to help make Venice a better place for present and future residents and stakeholders alike.

a.) I have not served on the VNC

b.) No, I have not served on a VNC committee; however, I have done some volunteer work with a few of the VNC committees

c.) The closest related qualification to a Neighborhood Council would be working as a Press Secretary in the Wisconsin Gubernatorial elections in 2012. I have also worked on getting statewide legislation passed in Wisconsin (Wis. Act 90). Doing so required me to work with a committee of businesses, interested parties, and lawmakers. Both roles needed me to work with the public and committees to better understand the issues facing them.

d) I have been a resident of Venice for five years.

2) Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.

Previously I started a merchant and neighborhood association in Wisconsin. Through this association, we worked to change local legislation to get more and better opportunities for area business. Our end goal was to not only bring new companies but find ways to help make them successful. We not only succeeded in this, but our committee was also able to deliver a library and much-needed internet access to the underserved in the community.

I also recently helped start the Rose Ave. Merchants Association (still in infancy stage—but growing). The RAMA is a group of businesses stakeholders on Rose Avenue. Like my previous committee, our goal is to use our ingenuity and collaboration to continue to help Rose Ave build and thrive.

3) Please list the three most pressing issues that you feel are facing the Venice Community.

The homeless issue. Addressing the immediate and long-term impact of homelessness in Venice. Growth. It's essential for every community to embrace the opportunity to grow in new and different ways. Communication. I think there is a significant disconnect

between the city council and the VNC that needs to be addressed. We should be sitting at the table with our elected officials to find ways to work together—not against each other.

4) What do you see as the primary roles of the Venice Neighborhood Council?

I think my primary role of the VNC is to look for the best for Venice as a whole. Civil commitment requires the constant desire to improve the quality of life, current situation, and future opportunities.

5) What is your Vision for Venice?

I would love to see Venice grow together. We are at a point in Venice where we can go forward or remain bitter and divided. We need to build a global community. We need to ensure the benefits of building that community are shared. I once worked with a lawmaker who could sit down a table with a variety of different interest groups and find common ground. A community united can do much bigger and better things than one divided.

6) Are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interest you and why?

I would be interested in sitting on the Neighborhood Committee. Per the mission of the committee, to promote greater awareness of the available resources and services and act as a conduit between Board and Venice neighborhoods. Communications is one of my greatest strengths. Because of that, I know I can add value to the committee and the Venice community.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jamie Paige