



Barbie Alampi

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My name is Barbie Alampi and I'm a licensed Landscape Architect who has took time off from practicing to raise my kids, Matteo and Paige. During their school years I volunteered at Lake Harriet Community School, including PTA president, and Southwest High School. For the last couple of years, I have worked as a residential landscape designer for Bachman's. I've been a resident of Linden Hills since 1991 and would love to get more involved with the neighborhood.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

I know that this sounds corny but I love my neighborhood and would like help to make it an even better place to live for future generations.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

I'm a licensed landscape architect and long time volunteer at Lake Harriet Community School, including PTA president, volunteer and fundraising coordinator.



Gerard Albanese

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We have been residents of Minneapolis since December 2017. We moved here from Richmond, Virginia to be closer to family. We owned a condo on St. Louis Ave in Minneapolis and I served on the board of directors of the condo association. We bought our current home in August of 2019.

Prior to moving to Minneapolis, I worked in the insurance industry for 43 years and held a number of executive positions at Markel Corporation my employer for 29 years. I served on a number of boards for the Company both internally and also industry trade group boards.

I would like to participate on the LHiNC to learn more about the neighborhood, meet and work with my neighbors in the community and make a positive contribution to Linden Hills.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

My goals for the neighborhood is to have it continue to thrive and to be open and welcoming to all members of the community. The park like setting of the area is fantastic and the convenience to many amenities is also great. We love to walk and one goal is to make it easier to walk to things. It would be great to have more small shops spread out through the community. I don't mind driving but if I could walk to everything, it would be ideal.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

During my work years, I headed many work groups, solved many problems and brought people together to create things and solve problems. In my last years of work, I did quite a bit of work with the Richmond Heart Association and chaired the 2015 Heart Walk. In my time as chair we

raised more than one million dollars. It was the first time that the one million mark had been exceeded in Richmond. I worked with many other companies in town, recruited a board and kept our group focused on our goal. It was very satisfying.

I also know quite a bit about insurance and can be of help on any issues insurance or risk management.

I have been retired for three years and a commitment of 6 to 10 hours or so of work is not a problem for me.



Ed Bell

Please write something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on LHiNC. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate

I have served on the Linden Hills Board for the past 4 years, since we moved into the neighborhood. My goal is to continue to offer what knowledge and expertise I have gained from serving on this board and the board of my previous neighborhood CIDNA (Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association). I'm committed to making Linden Hills a viable, thriving neighborhood. I have co-chaired the food committee for the annual Spring Festival fund raiser. Secured donation for its annual Silent Auction. I have promoted the Taste of Linden Hills at Woof Stock. I have been active in promoting and the creation of the neighborhood Art Shanty project on Lake Harriet. I have involved the other neighbors in the construction of a Shanty, which served as a gateway to the Art Shanty Festival. The design was a showcase of the history of Linden Hills.

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My hopes and goals for the neighborhood are to continue to be active and support on going needs. I feel it is important to support:

- Building Community Programs and Activities - Spring Festival, Taste of Linden Hills, The Line newsletter, Community Website.
- The Environment - Out reach, energy, recycling and other social outreach efforts.
- Supporting Neighborhood and Education - Neighborhood Grants, Southwest High School programs, Scholarships, Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra and the Linden Hills Library Teen engagement.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

I'm a licensed Architect and have practiced since 1965. My Architectural career was centered around housing, rental and for sale, mixed use and rehabilitation of various building types. I'm also a license real estate agent, since 1990. I have served the Variance and Zoning Board for the City of Minneapolis. I have had first hand knowledge of construction and interaction with developers.



Steve Birch

Please write something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on LHiNC. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate

I am currently serving as the Chair of the Neighborhood Council. I have been on the council for the last four years, serving as Treasurer for two years and then Chair for two years. I also co-chair the Events Committee. I want to continue to be part of the Neighborhood Council, because I think it is important to be part of a community and to contribute.

My interest is simply using my organizational skills to execute activities.

I am also active at St Thomas the Apostle parish and have coached youth sports. I work as an IT consultant and have lived in the neighborhood since 2014.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

My hope is that we can be a neighborhood that is inclusive and welcoming to others. I would like LHINC to be a community asset that seeks to help make the quality of life better for the entire neighborhood. LHINC has several committees – Communications, Environment, Events and Zoning - it is important to make sure that they are all active.

I also want to continue to help organize and execute activities and events that build community spirit, such as the annual festival and Taste of Linden Hills. I want to do what I can to help make the neighborhood viable for small businesses. And, I would love to see the NRP funds used to make the neighborhood better. I have worked on the bike and safety plan for NRP.

My hope is that the neighborhood is a place where people listen to others with dignity and allow all to have a voice.



Leah Fish

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Hello Linden Hills!

My name is Leah Fish and I have been a Linden Hills resident for the past six years. I have also served on the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) for the past two years. Getting to know my fellow board members while actively participating in my local community has been a wonderful experience. An experience I hope to continue for the next two years!

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

The LHiNC Environment & Sustainability Committee has kept me busy serving as co-chair for the past year. In that time, this committee has worked toward engaging and educating Linden Hills residents on environmental issues that impact their daily lives. I am most proud of the work this committee has accomplished in just one year. It is my hope that this committee continues to grow and further environmental advocacy efforts within Linden Hills.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

Fortunately, I have been able to use my background in Environmental Studies on the Environment & Sustainability Committee. The state of our natural environment and the current climate crisis are of great concern to me. However, I believe that we can push forward on these fronts if we come together as neighbors and do what we can on a local level.

Thank you!



Peter Gilbert

Please write something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on LHiNC. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate

I've been a resident of Linden Hills since moving to Minneapolis in 2011. I love the neighborhood's friendliness, walkability and easy access to all of the indoor and outdoor activities the Twin Cities has to offer.

I'm active in the local improv community and enjoy going to plays, concerts and art exhibits. I volunteer with Secondhand Hope, which offers companion pet visits to assisted-living facilities in Minnesota. I've been a volunteer on the LHiNC Communications Committee for almost a year. Being on the LHiNC board would give me the opportunity to make a larger contribution to our vibrant neighborhood.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

I believe the neighborhood's mix of renters, property owners and businesses give it an energy that's unmatched in the Twin Cities.

I hope that affordable housing will continue to be available in the neighborhood. As residential and commercial density increases, I'm concerned that rising home values and apartment rents might cause some current residents to relocate. I'm also concerned that increased density might impact the availability of parking for those who want to visit Linden Hills to patronize the many shops and restaurants.

One of my goals for the neighborhood is that we continue to be progressive, open-minded and welcoming.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

My background is in advertising and marketing, and I work full-time as a writer for a local retail company.



Lauren Linderman

Please write something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on LHiNC. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate

I have served on the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council for the past two years and am excited to continue my work with the board. I have enjoyed being a part of the board as it gives me an opportunity to meet my neighbors and contribute to making this a wonderful neighborhood. I am a co-chair of the Zoning and Housing Committee, which has been working this year to set funding goals that I look forward to implementing and seeing through.

Separate from my work on the neighborhood council, I am an attorney and mother of an 18 month old boy -- you can find us at the Linden Hills or Lake Harriet Parks most evenings and weekends!

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

Linden Hills is a wonderful place to live -- wonderful people, food, businesses, and events! I have enjoyed working with the LHiNC board to put on our two biggest annual fundraisers, the Linden Hills Festival and the Taste. I look forward to making those events successful in the years to come--rain or shine!--to ensure the board has steady funding to continue offering grants to neighbors who need them.

In addition, I think the board has made a lot of progress in soliciting neighborhood feedback on key issues that come before us, from 2040 to park updates to zoning issues. As a board member, I will continue to seek neighborhood feedback on these issues so the board can best represent the views of the community.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

With my experience on the Zoning and Housing Committee, I have gained skills relating to zoning and housing issues that I will continue to use on the committee going forward. I am also organized, have great time-management skills, and strong interpersonal skills.



Barbara Lunde

Please write something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on LHiNC. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate

I moved to Minneapolis six years ago to babysit my grandchild. Now there are two, with another on the way. We moved to Linden Hills this year for the schools, from the Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood, where I had been a board member of the neighborhood council for five years. I had worked a lot on the transportation committee. In particular, I discovered a meeting between the US Department of Transportation and our Met Council, got others to attend and testified myself. I also got two new benches placed at the South Beach on Cedar Lake. I am also on the board of the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society. I wrote a published article on our Solar Boat Regatta. I usher for the Ordway. I am an assistant teacher at the Bakken Museum.

I would consider it an honor to serve on the Linden Hills board to help the neighborhood develop and give myself information about Linden Hills. I am a renter of the duplex where I live, so I might add diversity to the board.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

My hope and goal for the neighborhood is to keep it the desirable place it is to live. Particularly, I am interested in keeping the Upper and Lower Lake Harriet Schools very desirable. I am also interested in the parks, Lake Harriet and its band shell, Lake Bde Maka Ska and Thomas Beach, and the Linden Hills Park and recreation center.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

I am a professional electrical engineer. I write. I have a moderate amount of computer expertise, being a webmaster.



Tammara Melloy

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I am a long time resident of the neighborhood. I have taught in area schools and parks and watched kids grow up and grew up here myself. I am very interested in participating in LHiNC because I want the generations to come to be able to enjoy the community and beauty of the neighborhood as we have. Minneapolis Park and Rec Board, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Community Ed, Arts Education, Minnesota Literacy Council, Education Minnesota, Minnesota AFL-CIO. Skating, Sports Quest Skating Academy, Sailing, Twin Cities Sailing, Earth Day Clean-up Organization, Linden Hills Festival, Grace Neighborhood Nursery School Silent Auction, Kenwood Performing Arts Magnet auctions chair, Southwest Foundation, Hot Notes, Cold Night, Alliance Francais, Film North, RBI baseball programs, music,dance & theatre maker, photographer, filmmaker.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

I hope we always have really good coffee and bakeries. I'd love for Linden Hills to be a leader in sustainable living and stewards of the environment, and educate others to become more aware of how our behavior effects climate and what we can do about it. I welcome programs that emphasize inclusiveness and invite others to share their expertise and knowledge. Mere growth in quantity, driven by exponential expansion of human population and increasingly powerful technologies, has come close to collision with the limits of the Earth. But deveopment as improvement in quality, development as advancement in the arts of living, development as the discovery of ways to use resources more efficiently, more creatively, and less wastefully, and development in moral inclusiveness has a positive role. Such development could be directed in ways that conserve and are not destructive to the Earth (or the neighborhood). Living in harmony with nature and each other in Linden Hills.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

Volunteer recruitment, training, supervision, fundraising, grantwriting, project management, budgets, communications, marketing.



Bjorn Olson

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As a new addition to the Linden Hills Neighborhood, I am eager to contribute my community. I am a young architect, with a passion for the world we build, and have past experience with housing. I am a young father, proud to take my daughters to the Park, Library, and Linden Hills events and engage with my neighbors. Most importantly, I am human - and having spent a few years living abroad in Switzerland - I appreciate the openness and vitality that everyone in Linden Hills shares. What I am, my passions, are exactly what compel me to participate in the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council.

I am an active member in the American Institute of Architects, as well as the SIA (Schweizer Ingenieuren und Architekten). I have previously served on the Lake Harriet Montessori School Board. My family participates in our street organized soccer club - FC Trolley.

Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood:

Linden Hills - and the City of Minneapolis - are beginning new chapters in history through the recent adoption of the 2040 Plan, and will face many new challenges and opportunities.

My concern is how to maintain the character - not just the urban fabric - but the wealth found in a diversity of people - and simultaneously adapt to market and planning pressures. I am among many people who live in Linden Hills intentionally: there are cheaper taxes, there are bigger yards, there are newer houses, with more exclusive schools - but I choose to live here to support a civic spirit; and it is exactly this spirit that makes Linden Hills one of the greatest places to live. I hope to live here my lifetime, and I hope my daughters may someday make the same choice.

It is my hope that Linden Hills can harness the aspirations of the 2040 Plan in conjunction with its Small Area Plan to develop more commercial opportunities, bring smart density, improve public-transit connections and strengthening its walkability, all the while maintaining its character and charm. In the end, it is a fairly simple goal: that everyone and anyone will always be able to walk comfortably through the neighborhood, meeting friends and strangers alike, picking up a book, ice cream, coffee, and/or sandwich for a beautiful time at the Lake.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

'-Architectural: past experience includes housing. Presently work with Public/Civic Architecture firm as licensed Architect.

-Urban Planning: close colleagues are Urban Planners within the City of Minneapolis and other planning agencies in the State of Minnesota.

-Financial Analysis: received Bachelor's degree in Economic Analysis and understand / utilize financial systems, practices, and tools.

-Sustainability: LEED accredited professional and previously involved in Sustainability group at the UofMN.

-Willing to contribute in any capacity: be it monitoring trash/recycling/compost bins, educating regarding trash/recycling/composting, moving dirt, or facilitating meetings and events.



Linda Picone

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I am a long-time homeowner in Minneapolis who sold her last owned residence three years ago and moved to Linden Hills as a renter. It's a different perspective, being a renter, but not as different as some homeowners make it out to be. There are "good" renters who are invested in the community and care about not only their immediate surroundings but the whole neighborhood—just as there are "good" homeowners. And the other side of that coin is that there are "bad" renters—and homeowners—who don't seem to look outside their own four walls. As a renter for the first time in more than 40 years, I've been distressed to see how renters tend to be portrayed in local social media (Linden Hills

Facebook page and Nextdoor, in particular). Many of us renters are responsible and care about what happens in Linden Hills, I think to myself. So, if I am to put my money where my mouth (or at least my mind) is, I need to more actively participate in community organizations.

I have in the past been on the board of People for Parks and I've been an active volunteer with the Page Education Foundation and the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

For most of my adult life, I've been a journalist/editor, including 22 years at the Star Tribune (from reporter to deputy managing editor) and three years as editor of the Southwest Journal. The latter gave me a close-up and engaged view of a number of Minneapolis neighborhoods, including Linden Hills.

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I'd like Linden Hills to be a community in which disparate views can be expressed without fear of attack. That doesn't mean that any kind of racial,

sexual, ethnic, ageist, etc. comment can be made without repercussion. It should mean, however, that people can disagree about local politics, in particular, without assuming the worst of people who disagree.

I'd like homeowners to feel proud of their community, but to recognize that multi-family housing not only will be part of it - it already is and has been for many decades. I'd like renters to enjoy living here, but also to understand that they have responsibilities (and rights) as members of the community, even if they don't own the property they live in.

I wish I had the answers to how to make those two things happen; I suppose I'd be a candidate for the Nobel Prize if I did. But I would like to help work toward those goals.

List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC :

I'm a writer and editor, currently editor of Minnesota Medicine, the magazine of the Minnesota Medical Association. I've worked at both the Star Tribune and the Southwest Journal, as mentioned above. As a freelance writer and editor, I've worked mostly with nonprofit and government organizations, from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to the Metropolitan Council to the Regional Council of Mayors to the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

I led and/or facilitated many meetings in my time at the Star Tribune and I still occasionally need to pull together meetings and to make sure they accomplish the goals set out at the beginning, yet allow for spontaneous ideas.