



# **Fulton Neighborhood Association**

## **Voter Guide**

### **2021 Board Election**



**Andrea Davila**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

I've been on the FNA board for about a year now and really enjoyed getting to know my neighbors and supporting the local community. I currently teach Social Entrepreneurship at the UMN to both graduate and undergraduates, and serve on a local business accelerator's board.

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

I would love for Fulton to feel like a place where all families can thrive.

**3. List any special skills you would bring to FNA (e.g. architectural, marketing, financial/accounting, legal, landscaping, writing or computer expertise; meeting facilitation or mediation skills; organizational development, volunteer management/recruitment or other skills.):**

I have an MBA and have worked in social sector finance for a number of years.



**Katrina Kessler**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

Having lived in the Fulton Neighborhood for almost a decade I am eager to give back to the community that has facilitated such a positive and connected experience for my family. I have been volunteering regularly with MPS at Lake Harriet Community School for the last eight years and I participate in social justice and environmental advocacy volunteer in my personal and professional life. In my professional role I am the Assistant Commissioner of Water Policy and Agriculture for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and served as the Director of the Surface Water and Sewers Division of Minneapolis Public Works prior to the election of Governor Walz. My work in-

cludes coordinating across governmental units (i.e., cities, watershed districts, townships, counties, states, tribes and the federal government) including with local, state and federal elected officials to develop and support policies to improve water quality, address climate change, and maximize public investments in green space, water management activities and community resilience. I have seen firsthand how state and federal policies are developed and understand that the best way to influence change is to work from the local level up. As a part of my job I serve on numerous state and regional working groups and boards focused on coordinating work to address water and climate challenges in the metro area, the Great Lakes region, the 12 state Mississippi River Basin, and nationally. I am eager to bring that experience and my passion for the Fulton neighborhood to the board.

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

It is important that we consider equity and environmental justice in our housing, development and neighborhood planning decisions. Historically Minneapolis has done a poor job of identifying, raising up and acting on the concerns of the native, black and brown residents. As a result it is especially important that in our work today that we prioritize their voices, recognize the disproportionate impacts of past decisions and act in a way that decreases disparities. I am hopeful that the neighborhood can embrace the opportunities presented by this challenge and intentionally support development and investments that preserve the quality of life and increase diversity in our housing, businesses, and neighborhood.

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I am an environmental engineer with extensive experience working with the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the City Council, the State Legislature.



**Ray Klahr**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

I'm current president of the FNA and lead the Racial Equity Committee. I have a daughter who is almost 2 and a bunny. My husband and I love this neighborhood, and will often spend our Saturday visiting the Fulton Farmer's market, going to the park, and walking around the shops.

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

I'm very passionate about environmental sustainability and racial equity. I hope that our neighborhood and board can be a welcoming place for all residents. My goals are to see an increase in the community participation at board meetings, and to educate and empower residents around both the environment and racial equity.

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Meeting facilitation, organization development (understanding of team dynamics, organizational culture, change management).



**Jill Lock**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

I joined the FNA Board this past January out of my desire to take a more active part in shaping our local community. I feel at home here in Fulton and Minneapolis, and know that community takes work. I am passionate about fostering connections between people and making our city better for all and not just some. Our family enjoys biking, exploring Minnehaha Creek and Lake Harriet, and playing in the local parks. I volunteer for a few different organizations, such as the DFL Election Protection Team, Indivisible, Vote Forward, etc.

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

My goals for the neighborhood are for the community to be more inclusive and participatory. I really would love to see more neighbors and business owners attend our meetings and join our various committees. I, also, strongly desire for community decisions to be made with an equity lens and, when applicable, with consideration for environmental impact.

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Community organizing and outreach, peer support and communication skills, teamwork, problem-solving, former pediatric and public health nurse.





**Dylan McMahon**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

I moved to Fulton in early October from South Uptown, where I have served as Treasurer for the South Uptown neighborhood association for the last year and have been on that board about a year and a half. While there, I also served on the Land Use & Transportation, Development, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Personnel committees. Over the last year I helped connect the neighborhood association to free consulting services at the U to develop a 3-5 year strategic plan, organized and moderated a Ward 10 city

council candidate forum, and developed a FY22 budget which puts the association into the position to run a surplus. I also volunteer with Senate District 61 DFL where I'm fundraising chair and a delegate to the state central committee. Over the last year I helped organize and moderate a city council candidate forum for Wards 7, 10, 11, and 13 and Park Board At-Large and District 6. I'm also a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities, and have been matched with my Little for a year and a half. Lastly, I'm a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations Minnesota.

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

Much as I've done with South Uptown, I hope that I can contribute to making Fulton a more equitable, engaged, and connected community. I would especially like to help plan and organize community engagement events and help make Fulton greener.

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Professionally, I work in government healthcare finance so know my way around financial statements and budgets. I'm also familiar with Roberts Rules from running a caucus in 2020 so can facilitate a meeting.



**Stephanie Tom**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

My family moved to the Fulton Neighborhood in early 2020. We absolutely love the accessibility to the lakes, biking trails, restaurants, grocery stores, and shops! I want to participate on the FNA Board so that I can become more involved in the neighborhood and help it be a safe, inclusive, and fun place for everyone to live. I currently participate in my college alumni local chapter and am co-owner of a brewery in Delaware. I also participate in MOPS, an organization for Moms of school-aged children. I love to read, travel,

workout, cook, try new restaurants and spend time with my husband and son.

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

I hope that the Fulton Neighborhood continues to offer such wonderful walkability to local shops, businesses, and restaurants and hope that it can continue to attract new places for all residents to enjoy. I want it to be a safe place for all that live here - especially for children. I am concerned about the number of cars that speed through the neighborhood streets and my goal would be for this to get better so the streets can be safe for bikers, walkers, runners, etc. I also want Fulton Neighborhood to have a strong sense of community - my goal would be to have a diverse set of events that bring the residents together. Finally, I know there are a lot of dog owners here (me included!) and would love to see dedicated spaces for dogs to play.

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Data/Reporting/Process Improvement skills, Meeting Facilitation, Business Ownership, Volunteer Event organization, Real Estate knowledge.



**Michael Wagner**

**1. Please tell us something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on the FNA Board. List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate:**

I care about our community, the neighborhood and city I live in is important to me, and I enjoy being a part of the process to help engage with issues facing our daily lives. I am an avid cyclist and constantly walking around the neighborhood with my dog. I am interested in how we get around, as individuals and a broader community, and helping to promote positive improvements to allow neighbors to more easily and safely get to where they need to go. I am an avid urban activist who believes we can and should develop our neighborhood around the needs of the future, promoting both an approach that keeps our neighborhood character

and also allows for growth.

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

Continually striving for a vibrant, robust, healthy community where all are welcome, and neighbors care about each other. Promoting safe and easy accessibility along our primary corridors for multi-modal transportation. Walkability should be a key component of any development. Actively seeking green space, and making sure our park system is accessible.

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Marketing, sales, bridging communities, prior community engagement in various neighborhoods, always seeks to find the common ground, level headed, open minded, willing to engage with anyone.





**Steve Young**

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I'm a business owner in Fulton. I'm also current chair of FNA's Streetscape/Transportation and Community Engagement Committees. I also work for Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

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

I'd like to see Fulton strengthen its ties to the small business community. I'm also looking for continued engagement with the MPRB to develop trails along Minnehaha Creek.

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I have real estate and small business skills.