

DFL Senior Caucus 2025

MPLS Park Board Questionnaire

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Introduction:

Our population is aging, both in Minneapolis and nationwide. People over 60 now comprise more than 25% of the Minneapolis population, and people over 65 comprise nearly 11%. As part of this significant demographic, the Minneapolis DFL Senior Caucus is concerned about issues that affect the general community as well as issues that pertain specifically to them.

District Sought, or At-Large:

Candidate Name:

Candidate Email:

Candidate Phone:

Manager:

Manager email:

Manager phone:

1. Based on the mission of the Park Board, what are three to five long- and short-term priorities for the Park Board?

Q1 Answer:

2. Natural areas are important ecologically and for the physical and emotional health of city residents. Sports and other activities are important for all ages, providing healthy activities. How would you balance these important missions?

Q2 Answer:

3. Describe how taxation is balanced between the city and the park board and how you would protect the park board's ability to fund its mission.

Q3 Answer:

4. What is your vision for the future use of our parkways?

Q4 Answer:

5. It's easier to get capital funds than maintenance funding. How would you balance preserving existing park assets versus new projects?

Q5 Answer:

6. Will you make clean water a priority? What must be done to stop lake eutrophication and keep our creeks and the river clean?

Q6 Answer:

7. What can the Park Board do to maintain existing tree canopy and increase the total canopy, alone and in partnership with the City, County and Met Council?

Q7 Answer:

8. Have you served as a board member in any organization previously? How do you balance a board member's oversight role and community advocacy versus letting professional staff manage the organization?

Q8 Answer:

9. Should the Park Board's Environmental Stewardship Department be included in all stages of planning?

Q9 Answer:

10. Some residents complain that the MPRB moves park directors too often. How will you balance the community's wishes with promotional opportunities for recreational staff?

Q10 Answer: