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## Parks & Environmental Commission Application - Submission #3739

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All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Please select which commission you are applying for.\*

Parks & Environmental

In order for the Mayor and Council members to have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information.

Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?\*

I think there is more that we can do as a city to encourage our residents to get outdoors and use our parks and public spaces to improve their health and mental wellbeing. We have also heard several requests from residents to transition some of our public spaces to better meet the needs and interests of our residents; a dog park, pickleball courts, and expanding pollinator plantings. I would like to be part of the team to evaluate and recommend changes that will meet the needs of all St. Anthony residents.

I am also interested in helping city leaders look at the Environmental Goals listed in our Comp Plan and help identify transition steps that will help us meet our objectives. I would like to see our commissioners better partner with staff to reach out to community members about steps they can take to transition to more sustainable living; alternative landscaping to reduce water use, improve recycling, expand composting to multi-family housing, and choosing lower waste packaging to reduce the overall amount of waste St. Anthony sends to the landfill/incinerator.

**Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.\***

In my professional career, I worked as a business analyst, creating cost benefit analysis reports to assist in decision making. I developed a decision-making process and selection criteria used to evaluate and prioritize a \$30M annual technology portfolio.

As a volunteer, I served as the leader of band boosters for four years and developed selection criteria and a decision-making process for awarding an annual music scholarship. I served on Independent School District 282 Wellness committee for five years, working with administrators, teachers, and parents to establish wellness policies and help secure grants. I represent St. Anthony on the MWMO Citizens Advisory Committee where I evaluate clean water grant proposals, make recommendations on which initiatives to invest in, and assist with outreach activities.