

## **Detroit Shoreway Board of Trustees – 2020 Candidates**

### **Residential Candidates for Term Expiring 2023**

(Vote for only one person in each quadrant)

#### **N.E. Quadrant**

**Christina Znidarsic** (Residential seat, N.E. Quadrant)

Hello Detroit Shoreway Residents! Christina has been a resident of the neighborhood since 2013 and has had the honor of serving on the DSCDO Board of Directors for the past 4 years. In that time, she helped re-form and chairs the Safety Advisory Committee, a resident-led committee with the mission to address the important issue of safety in an equitable manner for all residents of the neighborhood. She helped form and serve on the Governance Committee and takes pride in maintaining and ensuring the high quality of performance of our board. Christina is passionate about improving quality of life for people in their places whether it be through her career as project manager at Environmental Design Group or through over seven years volunteering as a founding member of Bike Cleveland, a local bicycling advocacy organization. She has participated in and supported DSCDO and neighborhood initiatives such as Wintertide, safety walks, the Colgate Court mural project, West Side Mutual-Aid, and Open Streets Cleveland. It has been a busy four years and she hopes to continue representing the residents in her capacity as a member of DSCDO board.

#### **N.W. Quadrant**

**Abbe DeMaio** (Residential seat, N.W. Quadrant)

Abbe DeMaio and her husband Bill re-located to Cleveland from the East Coast, only to find the most amazing sense of place on the near west side of Cleveland. Abbe was immediately interested to find roles where she could learn about the history and deep roots of this community. From attending Block Clubs and HOA Meetings, attending the local theater and participating in events by DSCDO, she had become deeply engaged and excited about this community.

Abbe started as a volunteer and then became Co-Chair of the Edgewater Hill Block Club. For over 4 years, she worked with neighbors, our councilman, DSDCO, Metro Parks, CPD, other Block Groups and volunteers to address the needs of our community. The block club has been an integral partner in efforts to protect the community from incompatible development and the commercialization of the relationships that have been built between existing neighbors and new residents of the Battery Park Development. She became a member and then Co-Chair of the team organizing the Detroit Shoreway Community Christmas Party, which provides gifts and a free photo with Santa for over 150 children from across the DSCDO service area every year.

Abbe was recognized for her commitment as the recipient of the Irene Catlin Leadership Award in 2017, and with The Gordon Square Residents Committee, who received the Community Spirit Award in 2019. Abbe would be honored to continue bringing positive solutions to our neighborhood by serving on the Board of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization.

**Camilo Villa** (Residential seat, N.W. Quadrant)

Camilo Villa has lived in Detroit Shoreway for six years with his wife and two-year-old son. Over the last three years as a board member, Camilo has worked with DSCDO leadership to help secure a bright future for the organization. This has included an overhaul of the board structure to ensure that the make-up of the board both works for the neighborhood that exists today, and represents the diverse and vibrant communities that call Detroit Shoreway home.

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As a union organizer, Camilo has deep passion for empowering all people and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to have their voice heard. With this in mind a main focus has been on helping to develop the community organizing and outreach program for Detroit Shoreway, working closely with staff to ensure that residents concerns are addressed and that principles of inclusiveness and empowerment are prioritized.

Camilo is excited for the opportunity to continue being a part of the work of DSCDO as our city and neighborhood undergo changes and challenges that will require a thoughtful and steady organization.

**S.E. Quadrant**

**Austin Boxler** (Residential seat, S.E. Quadrant)

Austin Boxler has proudly called the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood home for the last 8 years. He's always been inspired by Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization's (DSCDO) dedication to preserving affordable housing and fighting for equity in order to create a sustainable, diverse, and engaged community. There is still a lot of work to be done, but he intends to apply his knowledge and skills toward the organization's mission from day one.

Community development has always been at the core of his work. Austin earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Urban Studies from Brown University in 2012, and immediately moved to Cleveland to have an impact in his home state. While earning his Masters in Public Administration from Cleveland State University in 2014, he worked for the Center for Community Planning & Development. He then accepted a role as a Community Organizer, and later Director of Community Involvement for DSCDO, where he supported the organization's engagement, advocacy, and fundraising for over 3.5 years. The work of which he is most proud from his tenure at DSCDO, however, was supporting resident leaders and their visions for the neighborhood.

In 2016, Austin left DSCDO to teach Social Studies in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), cultivating our next generation of leaders. He has been integrally involved in planning for the new high school at West 45th and Detroit, and looks forward to continuing that work to ensure the school becomes an asset in our community.

**Wendell Krauss** (Residential seat, S.E. Quadrant)

This neighborhood has been Wendell Krauss' home for over 30 years. The first time he recall hearing about DSCDO was when he was around 11 years old, when his mother received a homeowner's grant. He admired there was an organization that was able to help residents build stronger foundations and roots in their neighborhood. Wendell's wish is to be the bridge to those in need and are aware of these important resources. He is delighted to run for the board of Detroit Shoreway to contribute to that goal.

These past few years, he has started to participate in many neighborhood events and groups, including the community organizing committee of DSCDO. These experiences have given him a sense of kinship and community. He is currently pursuing his GED after a number of years out of school, with the help of the St. Colman's Church tutoring program.

He participated in the job-training program at El Barrio Workforce Development Center. Being able to participate in these and other neighborhood resources has enriched his life in many ways. His hope is to be part of the DSCDO board and to add his voice and experience to help connect all residents to the good work that Detroit Shoreway is doing. Wendell looks forward to watching his four-year-old daughter, Kori, grow up in the same neighborhood that he grew up. He hopes to continue to making the neighborhood better in every way he can. Thank you for the consideration.

## **S.W. Quadrant**

### **Moneeke Davis** (Residential seat, S.W. Quadrant)

Moneeke Davis is a resident of Detroit Shoreway in the SouthWest quarter and a current member of the DSCDO Board. Moneeke is passionate about using her knowledge and gifts to bring people together to strengthen their communities. Ms. Davis has been working to improve quality of life for residents for many years. She was honored to receive the 2015 Detroit Shoreway Community Spirit award and the 2018 Irene Catlin Leadership Award in recognition of her grassroots efforts in vulnerable communities in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

Ms. Davis has lived in the Southwest quarter for 10 years and is the proud owner of a Habitat for Humanity home. Her local achievements include the annual children's Winter Ball, running the Mustard Seed Youth Community Garden, participating on the Our Alleys Revitalized Steering Committee, which illustrates stories of neighborhood residents. She was a key participant in developing the Master Plan for SouthWest Detroit Shoreway. Moneeke was president of the Tri-C Student Nurses Association, a member of Circle K International, Black American Council, National Student Nurse Association and a Mandel Scholar at Tri-C and the Neighborhood Leadership Development Program. She was recently recognized as an "unsung hero and change maker" by the Cleveland Public Library, as someone who fights for equality and the greater good of their community. In 2019 she met one of her lifetime goals of becoming a certified registered nurse.

In everything she does, Moneeke promotes social cohesion to empower and strengthen connections. She looks forward to continuing this work.

## **Commercial Candidates for a Term Expiring 2023 and for a Term expiring 2021**

(Vote for only Two)

### **Anna Perlmutter** (Commercial seat)

Anna is a resident of the Ecovillage neighborhood in Detroit Shoreway, a small-business owner in the neighborhood, a nonprofit capacity builder, community advocate, and current vice president of the DSCDO Board of Directors. Since elected to the board in 2017, she has helped DSCDO to provide resources and support to residents in accessible and equitable ways. She's proud of her contributions to the organization, which include building access, strengthening governance, developing new leaders, and ensuring it continues to be financially and structurally sound and accountable to all.

Anna oversees a rental housing business with her husband providing safe, quality, and affordable rentals in this neighborhood. Her mission is to bring expertise and passion as both a landlord and tenants' rights advocate to preserve and create truly affordable housing in Detroit Shoreway. She's glad to be part of DSCDO's efforts advancing that mission.

As a community leader, she works with "EcoVillage Neighbors" group to host fun and inclusive pop-up social events and initiatives building community among neighbors. As a doctoral candidate at Case Western and nonprofit consultant for over 15 years, she is dedicated to strengthening nonprofits like DSCDO through collaborations, resource sharing, and board governance.

She's proud to support a community-oriented organization that serves its neighborhoods thoughtfully, focusing on meeting the neighborhood's changing needs while celebrating its rich history. It's an honor to live and raise her two children in this neighborhood. She hopes to be able to continue as a board member and is excited for what's in store!

### **Chalana Williams** (Commercial seat)

With over 20 years of banking experience, Chalana Williams currently serves as a Vice President, in First Federal Lakewood's Community Development Department.

She works to increase lending, servicing and investment opportunities in communities and neighborhoods in which First Federal Lakewood conducts business. In doing so, she works closely with community development corporations, city officials and community stakeholders. In her efforts to empower others with knowledge of basic money management skills, Chalana conducts financial literacy seminars in various communities and is currently a workshop presenter for Cuyahoga Community College's Women in Transition Program.

In 2016, the eleventh edition of the magazine, Who's Who in Black Cleveland, featured Chalana for her accomplishments as a professional leader in the community. Currently, Chalana serves as Chairperson for the Warrensville Heights Area Chamber of Commerce, and is a committee member on the St Clair Superior Development's Real Estate Development committee. Previously, Chalana served on the Board of Directors for Cleveland Kids in Need Resource Center from 2015-2016 and as Vice Chair for Western Reserve Community Development Corporation from 2012-2015.

Chalana looks forward to continuing her efforts to serve those in the community by means of her knowledge, experience and giving spirit.

**Stacy Schroeder** (Commercial seat)

Stacey Schroeder is local business owner and avid volunteer. She recently moved to the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood and is excited to get more involved in the community. She currently volunteers every week for Valley Riding, Inc., and mentors through College Now Greater Cleveland and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She runs a leadership training program in Cleveland through the Institute for Management Studies, and provides workforce development services through her own company, Evelop LLC.

Stacey grew up in metro Detroit, but moved to Columbus in 2007 due to the economy starting to crumble in Michigan after she graduated from her engineering program. She stayed in Columbus for four years, working and going back to school, but it never really felt like home. In 2011, she got the opportunity to work for a Cleveland-based firm, and moved up to the west side. She loves our metropark system, Lake Erie, and all the amazing events, restaurants, bars, festivals, community groups and experiences that our area holds.

Since 2011, Stacey has worked for a number of manufacturing companies in Cleveland, as well as several national trade associations based here. She has experience leading teams, setting strategy, managing volunteers and working with diverse groups of people. Her education in engineering and business, and experience in leadership positions and as a Board member for the National Institute for Metalworking Skills position her ideally for a seat on the DSCDO board. She looks forward to getting involved with the great work happening in our community.

## **Institutional Candidate for Term Expiring 2023**

(Vote for Only One)

### **Teresa McCurry** (Institutional Seat)

Teresa's unique gift of speaking off the cuff allows her to be call on at any time to give introductory remarks, keynote speeches or transformational workshops. Whether it is a corporate meeting, faith based conference or training retreats, she will enlighten, empower and above all, she will inspire purpose-driven leaders.

She is currently the Senior Pastor of New Beginning Ministries. Teresa is an ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She co-labors with her husband, Apostle Gregory McCurry, doing the work of the Lord as a ministry team. **"We introduce a Real God, to Real people with Real issues."** She has traveled extensively, educating and inspiring others with her unique approach of conveying information. She has a heart for doing missions work around the world.

Teresa's marketplace ministry extends beyond the walls of the church. She is a Ministry Leadership Trainer, International Speaker & Bible Teacher, Author, and licensed cosmetologist with over 30 years of beauty industry experience. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Business Administration.

Teresa chairs Christian Networking Entrepreneurs "CNE", a quarterly networking event to encourage creative thinking, inspire meaningful dialogue, promote professional & business development, which spotlights and support Christian businesses.

She founded The Meesha Chanell Saxton Fund {MCS~Fund} whose sole mission is to generate unrestricted funds for Sickle Cell Anemia individuals. Through supportive services and advocacy, serving the needs of people affected by this disease is not only a mission, but also a passion.