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Anne McCandless  
VIA EMAIL

Ms. McCandless:

Thank you for your message. In that message you asked that I describe my participation in the Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) Nominating Committee and my role as a teller in the JACC Elections which occurred on January 12, 2009.

At the JACC Annual Meeting on October 23, 2008, the membership of the organization voted to postpone the election of new board members until January 2009. In response to this action of its membership, the JACC Board of Directors reconvened its Nominating Committee to plan for the new election and to prepare a slate of candidates to present to the membership.

The City of Minneapolis has an interest in ensuring that neighborhood organizations hold free and fair elections for selection of their directors. Indeed, this is a requirement of the citizen participation contracts that the City holds with each neighborhood group. It was pursuant to this interest that I requested to be included as an observer at the meetings of the newly-reconvened JACC Nominating Committee.

As an observer to this process, I attended all meetings of the Nominating Committee and was copied on all correspondence of the committee members. I also was present at the JACC general membership meeting of January 12, 2009, at which the postponed election was held. At the request of the JACC Nominating Committee, I served as a teller for those elections, collecting and tallying the ballots cast by JACC members in attendance at that meeting.

It is based on this involvement that I can state that the elections held on January 12, 2009, were free, fair and in full compliance with the JACC bylaws. I therefore believe that the six members elected by the JACC membership at that meeting were duly elected to the JACC Board of Directors.

I hope that this adequately answers your questions. If not, or if you should have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 612-673-5239 or at bob.cooper@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Cooper', is written over a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

Robert Cooper  
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