

University Area Commission - Candidate's Biographical Sketch

This information will be made available on the UAC website (<https://www.universityarea.org/>) and at the polling places on Election Day.

Candidate Name: (Please Print)

Address:

Stephen Waldron

1313 Forsythe Avenue

District: 4

Length of time living in the University Area: 17 years

Occupation: Retired from McGraw-Hill Education although I continue to do freelance writing and editing.

Commissioner Statement – Please state in under 200 words, what particular experience and qualifications you can offer the University Area Commission. Include information about your issues, concerns, goals for neighborhood, personal information, etc. *This section will be limited to 200 words.*

As a resident of District 4 of the University Area since 2004 I have witnessed the transformation of the neighborhood from blight-plagued to highly desirable. But that development comes at a price. Almost every available parcel of land is being turned into condos and high-end apartments. During my term on the commission, I have worked with neighborhood residents and commission members to try to regulate this development to ensure that it is responsible and addresses the concerns of residents who are concerned about congestion, affordable alternatives to ensure neighborhood diversity, and quality of construction. The cooperation between the developers and the residents on new projects has been encouraging during my term on the commission. I would like to serve another term on the commission to continue participating in this process.

UAC Committees/Positions –If a current or past commissioner, please list the committees that you serve on and any positions you hold or have held in the past with UAC.

I served on the Zoning Committee in 2018. Since then I have been a part of the Planning Committee. I also serve as Corresponding Secretary for the commission.

Community Involvement/Education/Occupation – Provide a list of community activities, positions in other groups, educational background, etc.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in humanities from Washington and Lee University and a Master's Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University. I have spent my entire professional career in education, first as a high school teacher for 10 years and then as an editor and writer for educational publishers for 35 years. Although retired from McGraw-Hill Education, I continue to work as a freelance editor and writer for McGraw-Hill as well as other educational publishers and freelance houses.

As for community involvement, I am active in the Dennison Place Neighborhood Association as well as the leadership committee and staff-parish committee of the Short North Church and East North Broadway United Methodist Church.

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Candidate Signature: _____

