

**Rose City Park Neighborhood Association
2026-2027 Election
Candidate List**

Executive Team Candidates



Zachary Lauritzen (Chair)

Zachary is a father of two who loves to play with his kids, enjoys being outdoors backpacking and gardening, plays nerdy board games, and primarily gets around town by foot, bike, and transit. He is deeply aware of the environmental damage we humans cause and tries to do things—ditch the car, use less electricity, consume fewer things and avoid plastics, repair rather than rebuy, buy/trade second hand, eat fewer animal products, etc.—that will lessen his impact on the world around him. As Chair of the Board, Zachary's primary goals are creating streets and sidewalks that are safe and accessible for all, not just those in cars, and for bringing activities and events to the neighborhood that bring people together in community. Zachary believes many hands make lighter work, and hopes his efforts with the RCPNA board, combined with those of his neighbors, can create a cleaner, greener, more vibrant, and safer community.



Vice Chair

Santiago Gil

Santiago has been a physicist and a filmmaker and is now in the process of becoming an architect. Originally from Argentina, he has lived in Germany and the East Coast, but his family of three has called Rose City Park home for the last 8 years. His biggest hope in this life is to be an agent of positive change, helping people connect with each other and live more wholesome lives together. He is very excited to participate in the work of helping this neighborhood be ever more vibrant, welcoming and peaceful. Say hi when you see him power-walking along the streets, even if he has his headphones on!



Richard Crockett (Treasurer)

Richard and wife Jeanette have lived in Rose City Park for over 30 years. A retired middle school math teacher, Richard serves as the treasurer of RCPNA and also does the same for The Rose City Timberliners, a local male barbershop singing chorus, and is the past treasurer for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. He is a long-time

volunteer and supporter of All Classical radio (89.9). He just retired as the Program Operations Director for Chess for Success, a leading non-profit provider of after school programming in Oregon and southwest Washington.



Secretary (vacant)

Originally from Georgia, Celeste has lived in many locales from the East Coast to the West. She has happily called Rose City Park Neighborhood her home since moving to Portland in 2016.

Celeste graduated from Tufts University with degrees in Biology and Environmental Science. Her career spans a diverse spectrum, including work in the wine industry in Napa, owning her own community-based knitting and tea shop, and managing high-end grocery stores. Community and food have been two

life-long passions of hers; having been raised in a family restaurant in the Southeast before pursuing her own interests. Celeste enjoys baking bread for her family and neighbors, sewing her own clothes, reading (everything), and gardening. As a member of RCPNA she hopes to bring her interests, her love of people, and her sense of community together to foster a thriving and supportive environment for all of its residents.

At-Large Candidates



Ian Davie

Around the house, Ian plays dad to a 2-year-old and 4-year-old. Outside the house, he has other titles including pusher of stroller, puller of bike trailer, and carrier of dandelions and interesting leaves.

This home reality has given Ian a great perspective for RCPNA Board engagement, and the broader community engagement that comes with it. And a lot of other life experiences have prepared Ian as well.

He grew up in the foothills of the Coast Range, roughly between Eugene and Corvallis, and at 11 moved across the state to Eastern Oregon. College took him south to Los Angeles, and law school bounced him east to New York City. After nearly 12 years of long subway rides, delicious pizza, and a wonderful life education as a legal services attorney focused on eviction prevention, Ian and his wife moved to Portland to be closer to family.

Ian works for the local housing provider Home Forward, where he supports various departments including rent assistance, homelessness initiatives, property management, and safety. When not at work (read: in front of computer in basement), Ian plants hydrangeas and sneaks in bike rides, jogs, and scooter parties under the supervision and direction of the kids.



Kelly Davis

Kelly moved into Rose City Park in 1981 and got involved in the neighborhood shortly thereafter under the urging of a co-worker who was actively involved in the Comprehensive Plan updates for RCP and other issues. As an Architect, Kelly naturally gravitated to Land Use and Transportation (LU&T) issues. He soon became close with the then Chairman of the RCPNA, George Walker. George and Kelly were co-chairs of the neighborhood for a couple of years before Kelly became Chair – the beginning of a 17-year run. In 2010, Kelly was transferred to his company's Washington, DC office and ran that office until his return to Portland in 2017. He rejoined the Neighborhood Association and is currently Co-Chair of the LU&T Committee. Kelly lives in a 1907 Victorian (one of the first houses built in RCP) with his wife Jackie. He has two daughters – Kelsie who is the DA for Union County Oregon and Courtney who is a Structural Engineer in Portland. Kelsie and husband Kyle had his first granddaughter (Addie) in 2017, which pretty much accelerated his move back to PDX. Kelly retired in 2017 from ZGF Architects and is happy to be back in the Rose City.



Beth Faris

Beth is a marketing leader with over 20 years of experience in tech, publishing, and e-commerce programs. Her expertise and passion lies with communications and event execution. She loves working with people to plan strategy and complete projects. Beth is currently the Marketing Director at a regional fire and life safety company located in Portland.

Beth moved to Portland in August 2019, just a few months before things started shutting down due to the pandemic. She feels like she's still learning about her new home due to the lost year we all experienced. Because of her passion for marketing and events, she aims to get to know neighbors and to help her community by bringing support and awareness to RCPNA projects and events.



Don Levine

Don was raised and educated in Northeast Portland, attending Alameda Grade School and Grant High School. His primary interests and work history are in Emergency Medicine, Education and Public Health. His work history includes working as an EMS provider and 15 years training EMS volunteer groups in SE Alaska bush communities and developing and conducting medical and crisis intervention programs for groups in both the public and private sectors. He spent

10 years teaching at Benson High School in Portland, and has worked at the local and state levels in education, civic government and community health. His focus is in building capacity within communities by developing communication and networking among stakeholders, instead of relying on outside resources to resolve identified needs and concerns.



Erik Mitchell

Erik was born and raised in Portland with stints in Seattle (University of Washington) and Los Angeles (for a corporate job). He has lived in Rose City Park since 2008 when he bought his home. He has been a bus driver for Trimet for the past five years. Previously, he was a food cart and restaurant owner for 10 years. He bikes, busses, and walks most everywhere and is trying to live a sustainable life.



Terry Parker

Born in Portland and starting at the age of four, Terry grew up in the Rose City Park Neighborhood attending Charles Rice, Rose City Park and Madison High schools. Continuously living in the neighborhood, now retired and serving as Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board member and on the Land Use and Transportation Committee; most of Terry's career was in the yellow page industry as a National Account Representative working with Customer Marketing

Representatives hired by national corporations to place advertising in up to 300 yellow page directories within a 14 state region. Terry also has held positions in automotive related fields and as a Supply Center Manager for a three state savings and loan.

In the 1970's, Terry served on the four year Oregon Department of Transportation Banfield Transitway Citizens Advisory Committee. He chaired the committee in the last two years as the only elected chair. The committee recommended the region's first modern light rail system from Portland to Gresham coupled with widening the Banfield Freeway (now I-84) between I-5 and Gateway.

In the 1980's, Terry served as the Vice President followed by three years on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Chapter, National Railway Historical Society. Terry was involved with the Excursion Committee preparing budgets, trip guide booklets and hosting on charter Amtrak excursions; and on the Rolling Stock Committee helping with the restoration of various pieces of rail equipment including the Southern Pacific 4449 and the Spokane Portland and Seattle 700 - two of the steam locomotives now housed at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center near OMSI. One of Terry's fondest memories was flying to New Orleans in 1984, visiting the Worlds Fair and then staffing the return to Portland of the Louisiana World's Fair Daylight excursion train which included the special privilege of riding in the cab of the 4449 from El Paso, Texas to Deming, New Mexico.



Kip Pheil

Kip and Jane moved from the Brooklyn neighborhood to Rose City Park in January 2015. Kip grew up in The Dalles and retains a tendency to wave at other drivers if he's out on a lightly traveled road and is likely to say howdy if you walk by him in the neighborhood. He'd like to help Rose City Park be a place where neighbors mostly walk or ride bikes to a local business, school, or park as they work and play.

After he graduated from Oregon State, Kip lived in NW Portland for two years, moved to Berkeley for five years, raised three kids in Salem, then took a job with the USDA in 2010 that enabled his return to Portland. Kip works to help farmers, ranchers, and other ag producers conserve energy and shift toward renewable resources for sustainable, long-term operations.



Marina Samaltanos

Marina grew up in the southeast, mainly Atlanta, GA, until a move in her mid-20s her rooted on the west-coast. After 25 years in Southern California, and a 2-year stint in London for work, her husband's job moved them to Portland just over a year ago. They initially landed in Arbor Lodge, followed by purchasing a home in Rose City Park in October 2021.

Marina continues to remotely work for the University of California, Los Angeles as a program manager for a research facility. While living in Los Angeles, she spent nearly as much time on activism work as she did in the office by volunteering for various political campaigns, starting a newsletter with the sole purpose of making it easier for everyone to participate in democracy by distilling issues down to bite sized actions one could take. She also organized both civic and social events for her Los Angeles neighborhood. Now settled in a home in Portland, she hopes to refocus and dig into life where her feet are, get to know her new city better, build community, and do a bit of good.



Victor Sanders

After many years in the Kern's neighborhood, Victor moved to 55th and Tillamook in April 2021 and has been enjoying the subdued excitement of Rose City Park ever since. When he's not busy helping his husband with the latest DIY home improvement project, you might see him walking to the nearest thrift shop, record store, or bar.

Victor works in city government and has a master's in urban planning. His interest is in helping beautify the neighborhood and makings things better for the folks that call this place home.

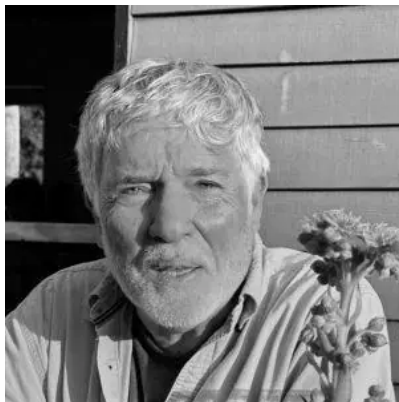


Graham Trainor

Graham has lived in Portland nearly twenty years. Presently, he lives with his wife Sarah and two daughters in their Rose City Park home, which they were grateful to buy in 2016.

Graham has a long career within the labor movement in Oregon working on the frontlines of many fights to make our state's economy more fair and just. As a lifelong organizer, he brings a wealth of experience engaging with community leaders, businesses and elected officials.

Most weekends, Graham can be found chasing his two girls and their dog Barkley around the various parks and playgrounds in the neighborhood, or tending to their Fraser Community Garden plot. As such, he is particularly excited to be involved in RCPNA's efforts to improve green spaces for current and future residents. Graham is an avid outdoorsman and can be found often on one of the region's incredible rivers, lakes, or mountain trails.



Steve Rudman

Steve and his wife Wendy moved to Rose City Park in fall of 2024. He loves the feel of the neighborhood- a great place to walk, bike, check out local businesses, and visit parks. They are now much closer to grandkids who live near McDaniel High.

Steve's been involved in local affordable housing and community development efforts for over forty years. He served as Executive Director of Home Forward, the largest affordable housing provider in Oregon (2001-2014). He was also Director of the City of Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development (1993-2001). He is a founder of Portland Youthbuilders (PYB), Portland Housing Center, Proud Ground, and REACH Community Development. Steve's first executive director position was with SE Uplift neighborhood program (1985-89).

Steve moved to Portland in 1978 from Philadelphia, Pa. He still is a diehard Phillies and Eagles fan.

Kevin Kazala (Bio forthcoming!)