

WINDOM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTIONS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Michelle Hemingway Tatum (Incumbent)

I've been a Windom resident for the past 26 years and a block club leader for 25 years, while working within community outreach/marketing/medical education departments for Twin Cities premier healthcare organizations.

More recently, as block club leader, I've helped lead efforts to hold accountable the owners and potential purchasers and developer of the Aqua Inn and Metro Inn Motels. Currently I am Windom Community Board a member working to keep our neighborhood of the 2020 Census efforts and concerted efforts with Councilmember Schroeder's Office.

I hope to use my career experience to establish collaborative partnerships within the community to assist Windom remaining a safe and desirable place to live.

Rob Ley (Incumbent)

After living in Windom for ten years, I've become a big fan. I chose to move to Windom because of its walkability and relative affordability. But Windom offers much more, including caring, engaged neighbors. My first experience with this came when I helped organize my neighbors to respond to the possibility of the Metro Inn being turned into a five-story, 100-unit apartment building (which never materialized). That positive experience also opened my eyes to the Windom Community Council and its important role in my neighborhood. There remains much to do.

I've found my 30-year experience in business to be helpful in endeavors like finding common ground with Hennepin County to transform the Metro Inn into something that both the County and Windom can be proud of. I'm active in my church, where I was on the ISALAH and Anti-racism core teams. That's where I learned the value of things like door-knocking, to engage under-represented citizens. I volunteer at Hennepin Health to give back to the hospital that once saved my life. It has been my honor to complete the final year of the term of Council member who left. I currently serve as Council Secretary.

My wife Lecia and I enjoy walking the neighborhood, including along the creek. I have an acquired disability.