



Purpose Statement

The Community Advisory Council members guide and support Sprockets' work within the Neighborhood Network Teams and greater community. Members of this group communicate and engage with youth workers to identify needs in the field and promote understanding of core Sprockets strategies. Members represent the perspective of the direct service work and facilitate the development of a vibrant and healthy network.

Members of the Community Advisory Council

1. **Advise:** provide input on the implementation of Sprockets city-wide and neighborhood strategies at the programmatic level.
2. **Represent:** reach out to the community as a Sprockets Ambassador.
3. **Strengthen:** engage partners and Neighborhood Network Teams to build a robust network.

Representation

The Community Advisory Council comprises representatives from each Neighborhood Network Team and individuals who serve city-wide.

Member Responsibility and Authority

1. Be the source of new, generative questions and ideas that might challenge and deepen Sprockets' understanding of the issues Sprockets serves to address.
2. Represent Sprockets to community partners and share information around Sprockets core strategies and how to become engaged with Sprockets.
3. Engage with Neighborhood Network Teams to inspire collaboration and network building.

In connection with these responsibilities, the Community Advisory Council:

- Provides input on Sprockets' strategies,
- Identifies key questions to be considered for evaluation,
- Uses evaluation results to make recommendations on CAC goals and objectives,
- Provides input on the communication plan for community partners,
- Makes recommendations on activities related to existing and potential network partnerships,
- Identifies key areas of growth within the network in order to strengthen youth work engagement at the neighborhood and community level.



Workgroup Guidelines

- Attend meetings held every month.
- Participate in task groups as necessary.
- Engage the Leadership Group and Saint Paul Youth Commission through biannual joint meetings.
- Time frame: Members serve two-year terms and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Vision

All Saint Paul's youth will develop their abilities as learners, contributors, and navigators so they can recognize and achieve their greatest potential.

Values

- **Culture:** We promote racial equity and cultural health and understanding, recognizing that race and culture are essential lenses through which we learn and grow
- **Partnership:** We will be successful only when youth, parents, school, organizations and government are committed and work together to achieve long-term results
- **Meaning (Relevance):** Youth (and adults) learn best when it is meaningful and relevant to them.
- **Quality (research):** We promote both practice-based reflection and research-based knowledge to improve learning opportunities
- **Learning:** We each have something to learn and contribute; we value learning not only as our end but as part of our process.
- **Equity:** Youth have a right to high-quality, inclusive, and culturally-relevant out-of-school time learning opportunities. As a community and a network, we have a responsibility to ensure that all youth and families have equitable access to such opportunities and to advocate for systems, policies, and resources to best fulfill those rights and responsibilities.

