

## 2024 DICA Board Candidates



Bob Hyman  
Barfield Park

I'm a retired engineer and software professional, have lived in DI for 6 years and Mt Pleasant another 5 years before that. I'm coming off 4 years' service on the Barfield Park board, so have a working familiarity with board responsibilities, though somewhat less familiarity with DICA's day-to-day. I enjoy bicycling and boating in my now copious spare time.

I'm interested in serving on the DICA board to help guide our community's future, to be sure. I'd like to improve communication and coordination between our community and the developers still active here (ahem, trailgate?). But I see DICA as only one of several communities on and near Daniel Island and would also like to improve communications and coordination among us all.

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Mark Palchak  
Daniel Island Drive

I love our community here on Daniel Island, and I am honored to seek your support for a position on the DICA board. If elected, I will dedicate myself to the continued improvement of the greatest place to live on Earth! My professional journey has been shaped by hands-on leadership as the owner and CEO of multiple businesses. I started my career as a clerk on the trading floor of the Chicago Board of Trade and ultimately led the same international derivatives trading business as CEO. In 2015, I co-founded a small private equity and investment business with my brother and business partner where we purchased, invested in, and operated multiple businesses solving a diverse set of problems. My most satisfying roles have involved rolling up my sleeves and working in the weeds as an operator. Recently I founded Silient LLC, a national home appliance and wellness brand, with our operations' headquarters on Clements Ferry. I will use my business experience to focus on results for our community and will approach the position with a deep sense of responsibility that comes with serving on the DICA board.

Before migrating South while living in Chicago, I learned the importance of civic engagement as a member of the Chicago Economic Club and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Additionally, my background includes serving on nonprofit boards focused on education and child development, underscoring my commitment to our community's future. Academically, I graduated with honors from Notre Dame with an MBA and hold dual degrees in Computer Systems and Finance from the University of Dayton. As a father of a family of four (with one on the way) and with lifelong residency plans on Daniel Island, I will bring a long-term view and an "ownership" mindset to the board. I humbly ask for your vote to join the DICA board and to help continue the outstanding legacy of the Daniel Island community into a bright future ahead.

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Andrea Sullivan  
Cochran Park

Dear neighbors, thank you for allowing me to serve this wonderful community as a DICA Board Member in 2023 and 2024. I have learned so much over this time and have greatly enjoyed working with my neighbors on the Board. As a community, we are very fortunate to have a very knowledgeable and dedicated resident-Board and POA staff. As we look to adding new Directors over the next 2 years, I would be honored to continue to serve the community for a second term, drawing upon the experience I have gained on the Board to provide continuity, leadership and effective fiscal management of the association.

Since moving to Daniel Island in early 2020, I have been dedicated to understanding our communities' priorities and protecting our quality of life. I was elected by residents to serve as the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association (DINA) President in 2022-2023. I remain active in DINA and provide updates to the DICA Board and property owners at our quarterly board meetings. I was appointed by our City Councilman, Boyd Gregg, to serve on the 2023 & 2024 Neighborhood Commission. The Commission meets to approve applications by neighborhoods interested in joining the Neighborhood Council. The Commission also reviews submissions for the annual Robert Ballard Volunteer of the Year Award and selects the annual recipient. My professional background has included working in public education for over 20 years, planning and overseeing the funding and construction of public schools, as well as overseeing a staff responsible for facilities maintenance and operations. I have been working as a licensed REALTOR® since 2016.

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Lou Valente  
Center Park Street

Lou has been a leader of domestic and international Private, Not for Profit and Public Sector organizations. Broad executive and consulting experience in Information Technology, Life Sciences, Environmental Science and Public Service in the Americas and Europe. Served two terms as a senior Environmental Protection official where he created, operated and led New Jersey's Community Collaborative Initiative that delivered significant urban restoration projects to underserved communities. As part of Super Storm Sandy recovery, renegotiated mortgages with Federal and private lenders on behalf of storm victims. Developed the NJ State Parks' strategic plan that increased revenue for forty nine state parks and forests by 30%. Lou held global Information Technology executive positions at SmithKline Beecham, Otis Elevator and Singer Aerospace.

Lou and his wife, Pat have lived on Daniel Island for three years. He has an MBA in organization theory from Widener University and BA from Villanova. Lou has been a Trustee at Princeton's Chapin School, an Advisory Board Member for Compaq Computer, on SmithKline Beecham's Pharmaceutical Management Committee, on the Computer Science Advisory Board of Saint Joseph's University and is President of the Center Park Townhome Homeowners Association.