Nominees sought for 2015 Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award

Nominations for the 2015 Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award are being accepted through June 30, 2015.

The honor is awarded annually to recognize an outstanding city resident who best exemplifies Frank P. Zeidler’s legacy of social justice and civic accomplishment. The award was established by the Common Council in 2006, and city residents who are not elected officials are eligible for consideration. Last year’s winner was Kenneth “Ken” Germanson, a longtime advocate for workers’ rights, access to health care and higher education for low-income families.

Milwaukee attorney Art Heitzer, chair of the award’s selection committee, said he is hopeful that Milwaukee individuals and organizations will once again submit an array of nominations for the award. “Service in the community is praiseworthy and highly valued, and Milwaukee is rich with individuals from diverse communities who give of themselves in remarkable ways to make our city a better place,” he said. “If you know of someone who fits that description, please nominate him or her for the Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award by June 30th.”

The selection committee also includes Alderman Robert J. Bauman, activist Jack Murtaugh, historian John Gurda, lawyer Arthur Harrington of Godfrey & Kahn, civil rights activist and retired founder of the New Concept Self Development Center, Inc. -- June Perry, and a representative of the Frank P. Zeidler Center for Public Discussion, Shelley Bruehling.

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Nomination forms are now available on the city website or by contacting Joanna Polanco (414-286-2366 or jpolan@milwaukee.gov). Anyone can nominate themselves or others, but nominees must be city residents who are not publicly-elected officials.

Please submit six copies of the nomination letter (three pages maximum) by June 30, 2015, along with the nominee’s resume and any supporting materials that would help the committee make its selection. Send to: Ms. Joanna Polanco, City Hall Room 205, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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