

## **Marvin Roger Anderson**

**Board Chair  
ReConnect Rondo**



Marvin Roger Anderson, retired Attorney at Law and former Minnesota State Law Librarian, has been and continues to be a community activist and key figure involved with ongoing efforts to celebrate the past, present and future of Saint Paul's African American community of Rondo. He is the co-founder of the Rondo Days Festival established in 1983 and was instrumental in the creation of the Rondo Commemorative Plaza in 2018.

Mr. Anderson was a co-founder and first president of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL); a board member and past chair of the Archie Givens Collection of African American Literature at the University of Minnesota; he has served on the Board of Directors/Trustees for the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, Minnesota Humanities Commission, Regions Hospital and the US Bank Community Advisory Board.

As a passionate advocate for the Rondo community, Mr. Anderson works with local area high schools and colleges as a lecturer on Rondo's historical past, present and future. He does oral interviews for local historical organizations and is collecting stories, artifacts, and memorabilia for a Rondo museum. He has curated historical exhibits and has been a consultant for other organizations interested in the accuracy of Rondo historical era. Mr. Anderson currently serves as the Project Director of the Rondo Commemorative Plaza and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Rondo Center of Diverse Expression. As Board Chair for ReConnect Rondo, he is instrumental in helping the organization lead a restorative movement to revitalize Rondo with an African American cultural enterprise district connected by a land bridge.