

ELNA Board 2015-16 Candidate Questionnaire:

YOUR NAME:

Katherine "KH" Harris

1. From the website: The purpose of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is to facilitate understanding with the City of Lawrence and Douglas County; to maintain and enhance living conditions; to foster communication in East Lawrence and to maintain good relations amongst neighbors, businesses, organizations and other neighborhoods in Lawrence.
As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission? I would continue in my role as Treasurer. I will work to maintain good relationships between neighbors & work to maintain the special character of the neighborhood.
2. How many full ELNA meetings have you been to in the past 12 months? 10 or 11, I know I left one meeting early due to illness.
3. Have you volunteered, donated, or attended ELNA events? If so, which? We've donated to the Yart Sale and the Block Party. Had a booth at the Yart Sale. Usually attend both gatherings.
4. What kind of project(s) would you like to pursue for the neighborhood? Continue as Treasurer. Work on the CDBG grant for ELNA for the next fiscal year so we can keep the newsletter going and pay our wonderful coordinator, as well as fund small events in the neighborhood. I'd like to work on setting up a system for tracking our PayPal account income/expenses. I'd like to see more block parties throughout the neighborhood to promote people getting to know each other. And I'd like to promote clothesline usage.
5. How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Why did you move here? We've lived in East Lawrence for 23 years. We wanted to live in a historic area with well-built home with front porches. We didn't want to live where people entered their houses through garages. We wanted to be around creative, friendly, and diverse people.
6. What are the major issues facing East Lawrence today? A convergence of ideas of what makes a good neighborhood from older, long-term residents and newer and sometimes more affluent residents. The new attention to our neighbor opens the possibility of real estate speculation, and developers looking to build multi-story buildings in a primarily single-family home area.
7. How would you characterize the essence of the neighborhood? Unique mix of historic housing stock, not cookie cutter style. Friendly people, lots of walkers & bike-riders. People in our neighborhood tend to look at you and say hi. Also like all the artists & eclectic nature of the neighborhood.
8. What other community / city boards/ groups do you belong to or attended regularly this past year? Occasionally attend City Commission, Historic Resources Commission.