

Name: Krista Gentry

Hi! My name is Krista. I have lived in East Lawrence for about 5.5 years. I share my home with my spouse, toddler, three dogs, one cat, and a fish. We recently foster “failed” and adopted the cat and additional dog. I currently work for the Federal government and have a decent amount of civil and non-profit work experience. When not at work or caring for my family, I enjoy spending time with friends. I also like to hike, try new craft beers, work in my yard (love/hate), travel, and watch live music. I moved to East Lawrence due to my desire to live near downtown. I love the fact that I can walk to so many different parks and playgrounds, restaurants, and stores.

I’m interested in learning more about ways in which we can balance new development with the historical significance of many parts of our neighborhood. The fact that the neighborhood was “up and coming” when I moved here, attracted me to be honest. I think the interest in East Lawrence for new development and rehab is exciting and I want to find a way to do that without pushing long-time residents out of the neighborhood. Topics that interest me include affordable housing, recreational opportunities, blight reduction, crime reduction, and pedestrian safety.

There are so many things I have interest in learning. This is a tough question. I think probably the most basic task I would love to learn to do better is to cook meat. I always seem to overcook or undercook meat. I know a meat thermometer could probably resolve some of this issue, but it would be nice to just be a natural grill master!