

Board Interview 2025

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How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

I am now 20 years at my current residence. 48 years in Lawrence. 25 or so in EL total.

What do you do for a living?

I'm retired.

What do you want neighbors to know about you?

I rent the ELNA mower and tiller. They both work pretty well these days.

What are you mad about/ fired up about/ eager to work on in our community right now?

I think the new land development code brings a lot of risk to losing some of the character of our neighborhood. We are already a real estate speculation zone, and the new code will intensify that. I also wish the City could put some outcome measurements on achieving their "critical success factors" for having "Safe, Healthy and Welcoming Neighborhoods". The current standard is to state that a new development impacts the Strong Welcoming Neighborhoods but does not compute whether that impact is positive or negative. We're gearing up to put pressure on the City to put better protections in place for the existing residents of neighborhoods all over the City. And we're always looking for folks to provide more input and assistance in our efforts. Come join us!