

East Ninth CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Citizen Advisory Committee is a focused representative group of stakeholders who will serve as a constructive sounding board for the 9th Street project for the Design Team and City staff. The composition of the CAC was determined by a group of City officials with input from the Lawrence Arts Center and the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association before being approved by the City Commission. In addition to "at-large" appointments by the Mayor, stakeholder groups identified by the City of Lawrence designated representatives to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee to collectively represent a diverse set of perspectives. The role of the Citizen Advisory Committee is, on behalf of their constituents, to provide the Design Team feedback for proposed design concepts on a regular basis.



MIKE AMYX - CHAIR OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
owner, Amyx Barber Shop, Inc.; City Commissioner

Mike Amyx is a lifelong resident of Lawrence, KS. At 61 years old, he and wife Marilyn have one son, Chris. Commissioner Amyx is owner of Amyx Barber Shop, Inc., a family owned and operated business since 1942. Mike has served as Mayor five times. He is a former member of the Kansas Board of Barbering and is also the former Chair of this organization.



EMILY PETERSON
co-owner, Merchants Pub & Plate

As a board member of Downtown Lawrence, Inc., I have been appointed to the committee by the DLU Board of Directors and am pleased to have the opportunity to represent the perspective of Downtown Lawrence member businesses on this important project.



TIM HERNDON
RLA, LEEDap, Landscape Architect & Urban Planner

For nearly 25 years, I have practiced master planning and community design in Lawrence, including Downtown 2000, Scotch Plaza, The Winter Block (formerly Borders Books), Pachamama's (formerly Midwest Graphics), Delaware Commons and numerous other Downtown/East Lawrence projects, providing development consultation and facilitating stakeholder involvement. Representing the LiveWell Lawrence Healthy Built Environment work group on the 9th Street Corridor Citizens Advisory Committee, I am most interested in promoting "the greatest good for the greatest number" in a safe, culturally rich and genuinely connected community for all neighbors and residents to use and enjoy.



DAVE LOEWENSTEIN
artist, writer and community-arts organizer

My life is deeply woven into the life and culture of East Lawrence and especially 9th Street. Since 1997, I have maintained my studio at 411 East 9th Street. Over the years it has served and supported many purposes and people in addition to being the place where I work on my mural designs and prints. The Lawrence Percolator began in this space in 2006 and used it until it found its current home in 2008. In addition to the Percolator, it has been venue for many art exhibitions including Art from the Eastside, Freedom Unbound, and the Red Balloon To-Do. The studio is also the place where many workshops and meetings have been held to organize marches and other socially and politically engaged actions. Examples include SOS (Save Our Schools), 2&3 For the T (in support of our bus system), marches and other art-infused actions in opposition to the invasion of Iraq, and is currently home to the Lawrence Field Office of the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture.



JOHN SEBELIUS
artist and filmmaker

I am a recent homeowner at 9th and Connecticut and represent the next generation of families, artists, and business owners that are planting their roots in Lawrence. I am invested in the artistic and historical integrity of East Lawrence.



PHIL COLLISON
retired IT Manager at the State of Kansas

I have lived in East Lawrence for the past 11 years on Pennsylvania Street. I own property along 9th street, and I have been aligned with East Lawrence and its residents for the 38 years that I have lived here in Lawrence, KS.



TOM CARMODY
President, Prairie Fire Entertainment LLC. also, Partner, 715 & Ladybird restaurants located downtown Lawrence

I have been on the Lawrence Arts Center Board of Directors for 5 1/2 years and I'm currently serving as Chairman of the Board. Additionally, my company's film production headquarters and studio for the film The Only Good Indian was located in East Lawrence just off the proposed 9th Street Corridor at 512 East 9th St. from 2007-2010.



BEN AHLVERS
Director of Exhibitions at the Lawrence Arts Center

I've been involved in the arts community in Lawrence for 10 years. I am an active, exhibiting artist. I live in East Lawrence.



KATHERINE SIMMONS
Planner, The City of Lawrence

Chair of the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission and member of the Cultural Plan Steering Committee which is the oversight committee for the Cultural Plan for the City of Lawrence. I am also a neighbor to the project and have had a lifelong interest in Arts and Cultural. I have been an avid painter since I was very young. My educational and professional background is Architecture.



MARGENE SWARTS
Retired - 2013, City of Lawrence, Assistant Director of the Development Services Division in the Planning and Development Services Department

During my 33 year tenure with the City of Lawrence, my responsibilities included administration of several federal grant programs the City received for housing, community development, and addressing homelessness. In particular these were the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), as well as some lesser known (and now defunct) programs such as the Rental Rehabilitation Program and the 312 Loan Program. Since the inception of the CDBG program in 1975, the City has received millions of dollars in grant funds that have been expended throughout the City. In the years I was charged with administration of the grants, thousands of dollars were spent in the East Lawrence neighborhood on housing, parks and recreation projects, and infrastructure such as water and sewer lines, street, and sidewalk improvements. As a result, I am familiar with this neighborhood and know many of the residents personally.



BURDETT LOOMIS
political science professor at KU (since 1979)

I'm connected to the East 9th St. project in several ways. First, we own a property, which we have renovated, at 908 Rhode Island. Second, I've been actively involved with the Lawrence Arts community -- the LAC, the Spencer, VanGo-- for many years. And third, I'm extremely interested in Downtown Lawrence, desiring to see it thrive. In that vein, I was the chair of the Downtown Improvement Committee in 1987-8.



REV. VERDELL TAYLOR
Pastor, St. Lukes AME Church

My relationship to the 9th Street Project is connected to The Historic St Luke A.M.E. Church. I have been Pastor for the past 20 years and charged with the responsibility of administering and safeguarding the Church and physical property at 900 New York St. Our relationship with New York School and the neighborhood is very special. We respect our neighbors and want to see the best possible outcome. We are also the Church connected to Langston Hughes.



TOM LARKIN
Vice President - Development, Flint Hills Development Group, LLC

I am thrilled to contribute to the Citizen Advisory Committee as a representative property owner and commercial tenant along the 9th Street Corridor. I intend to apply my experience in design and development to ensure East Lawrence, the Warehouse Arts District, and further, the City of Lawrence and Douglas County take full advantage of this extremely unique and exciting opportunity.



WILL OGLE
I am a property manager & landlord for a few commercial buildings right here in East Lawrence, a couple of them directly on the proposed 9th St. Corridor, those directly facing 9th St. would be, Parker Landscape and Potter's Automotive Repair Shop.

My connection to 9th Street runs back four generations. Myself(Christopher William Ogle) being the fourth generation to live(live in Poehler Lofts) and work in East Lawrence right off of 9th St. It all started with my great grandfather, Carson Waldo Ogle, who had a fur shop way back in the 1930's. He lived at 901 New York St. and had his fur shop behind his house, simply named, Ogle Furs. His son, Duane Ogle(my grandfather), grew up at 901 New York and attended school across the street at New York School. My grandfather(Duane Ogle) grew up in that same house throughout his childhood and I believe into his early 20's. He founded the Lawrence Bus Co. back in 1957 and grew the company from the ground up for the next 30 years. My grandfather(Duane Ogle) then sold the business to my father(Christopher Wayne Ogle) in 1987. My father took over as owner/president of Lawrence Bus Co. and the business continued to grow and prosper, and was able to help the City of Lawrence & Kansas University, not only with the bus business, but also started the Safe-Ride program, which is a free ride for college students who had too much to drink. I know Safe-Ride saved many students from driving home drunk and possibly saved some lives in turn, I know it saved thousands of students from getting DUI's, that is for sure. My father retired and sold the business in 1999, but retained the real estate, that I manage to this day.



MARCIA HILL
property manager

Our family has owned the property on the northwest corner of 9th and New Jersey for well over three decades. Over that time period, our emphasis has been to improve the property while keeping the rents affordable. We have seen it morph from a purely commercial/industrial entry in a center for health, boutique entertainment and vibrant arts creation.

