MEET THE CROSSROADS CID BOARD

A nine-member volunteer CID Board governs the Crossroads CID and is comprised of property owners, business owners and residents throughout the Crossroads Arts District.

STEPHEN POWELL | TREASURER
Stephen has over 20 years of city and county management experience, equipping him with an in-depth knowledge of local government management, strategic planning, budgeting, and economic development, to name a few. As a homeowner in the Crossroads and current treasurer of the CCA board, Stephen will serve as a well-versed asset to the Crossroads CID board.

LESLEY TOMLINSON | VICE CHAIR
Leslie has been a real estate agent in the Kansas City area for over 20 years. She and her husband bought and repurposed a vacant building in the Crossroads and converted it to mixed use, including their home, 11 years ago. Leslie looks forward to improving living conditions for residents of the Crossroads.

RICK USHER | SECRETARY
Rick is the president & CEO at The Usher Garage LLC, consulting on entrepreneurship, digital equity and local government public policy. He was Assistant City Manager for Small Business & Entrepreneurship at the City of Kansas City, Mo. until his retirement in 2021. His civic engagement now includes leading the Crossroads Street Tree Initiative. Rick is excited to further empower residents, artists and small businesses through the services the CID provides.

JEFF OWENS | CHAIR
Jeff has served as both president and vice-president of the Crossroads Community Association, and is the mover and shaker behind Kansas City’s beloved First Fridays. As an artist himself and managing partner of The Bauer, a multimedia arts center, Jeff is passionate about seeing the Crossroads become a beautiful space to amplify the artists that in many ways define our district.
RASOOL AHMED | BOARD MEMBER

As well as owning property in the Crossroads, Rasool is the owner of Crossroads-based ICG Inc., providing quality parking services and janitorial products to customers throughout the Kansas City area. Rasool comes from a rich legacy of family business, and is excited to be part of the CID’s efforts to benefit the Crossroads’ business owners and customers alike.

ELIZABETH ROSIN | BOARD MEMBER

As a historic preservationist, Elizabeth knows a thing or two about the ability of creativity to enhance our quality of life and about preserving our shared history for the good of the community. The East Crossroads is home to her business, Rosin Preservation, and she looks forward to being a part of the enhancement of the Crossroads Arts District through the CID.

LARA GRAY | BOARD MEMBER

Lara and her husband moved from Colorado to Kansas City in 2014. When they opened Casual Brewing Co. in the East Crossroads in 2018, their aim was to be “part of the community.” Lara has more than achieved this as a passionate member of the CCA Board and through her advocacy on behalf of East Crossroads property owners and small businesses.

ALEX PROFFER | BOARD MEMBER

As the General Manager of Torn Label Brewing Company, Alex has had the pleasure of working with the CCA and neighboring businesses and organizations to enrich the Crossroads and other communities in the metro. Alex looks forward to continuing these efforts with his fellow board members of the Crossroads CID.

SPENCER SIGHT | BOARD MEMBER

Spencer is the creative visionary, owner, and designer behind No Vacancy, the Crossroads guesthouse that has been deemed “the trendiest home in Kansas City”. Spencer has worn many hats throughout his career as a building proprietor, from architect to interior designer to web developer. His devotion to hospitality lends to his desire to see the Crossroads flourish as a vibrant space for people to come together through the CID.