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Board Application

Board Applying For: Economic Development

Name Susan E. Scovel

Date 10/5/2020

Address 505 E Locust Street

Email Address

Phone Number

Educational Background:

High School Name and Location Independence (KS) High School

Graduated/Degree General Studies

College Name and Location Wichita State University

Graduated/Degree Bachelor's

Major Advertising/Marketing

Other Education Name and Location University of Kansas

Graduated/Degree Master's

Emphasis Speech-Language Pathology

Do you reside inside the corporate limits of the City of Independence? Yes

If no, do you reside within 3 miles of the corporate limits of the City of Independence? *Field not completed.*

What experiences have you had that you feel would assist you as a board member?

My career history includes more than a decade with a large, Kansas City advertising firm as a copywriter and account executive. Prior to receiving my Master's from KU, I worked for two non-profits. My experience there includes fundraising, grant writing, volunteer recruitment and training, new program design and development and public speaking on behalf of United Way of Greater Kansas City. As a speech-language pathologist, I worked for Wyandotte Special Educational Co-op and Olathe Public Schools, serving ages preschool through middle school, including specialty classrooms for students with autism and behavioral challenges. Locally, I've been a substitute teacher for USD 446 and a freelance writer for the Independence Daily Reporter.

Why do you want to become a member of the board?

Having lived in the Kansas City area for 33 years, I would welcome the opportunity to use my experiences to give back to my hometown and develop relationships with those actively engaged in creating a living blueprint for our community's economic future.

Do you feel that there are any issues needing immediate attention by the board? If so, please explain.

Sometimes you do need to fake it until you make it. I believe the appearance of some of our downtown storefronts, particularly those windows that are unoccupied, leave a negative impression with visitors and residents alike. Our businesses need a boost. With volunteer labor, in-kind donations, cooperation from local building owners and input from the historical preservation board, we can help dress up storefronts and present our best face as a progressive and vibrant community.

Other comments:

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