## **Julie Pryor**

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The following committee interest information was submitted through cityofls.

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Council District: District 1

How many years a resident: 20

High School: University City High School

College: Kansas City Art Institute

Employment: Creative Sculpture &; Restoration, Inc.

Position: Owner

Why interested: I am interested in serving on a city board or commission to be amongst people who share in my passion to preserve and restore Lee's Summit's heritage. With my 30 years specializing in preserving and restoring historical stonework, I feel I have a lot to offer the city and it's residents. I have spent my working life dedicated to preserving cultural legacies. Through sculpting, masonry restoration, preservation of monuments, historical buildings, and fountains, I have found my true calling. Many would call what I do work, but it is more than that for me, it is my life. To bring things back to life creates joy in my heart as I know it enriches the lives of all who learn and grow from the contributions of past generations.

Other participation: I actively volunteer at churches teaching free classes on how to restore and upkeep their cemeteries. I also am a graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute. By hiring alumni to further their education I am supporting future generations.

Interested in serving on: Historic Preservation

Other interests: I spend my free time being active outdoors with horseback riding, fishing, and hiking. I regularly participate in meditation classes and mindfulness practices. I also greatly enjoy taking my certified therapy dog "Leo" to nursing homes to uplift resident's spirits.

