

# ASHLEY SADOWSKI AIA

strategic thinker + partnership builder + building decarbonization expert

## Establishing Building Energy Exchange KC Executive Director, April 2021- Current

### Education and Engagement

- Facilitated over 80 building decarbonization presentations and conversed with hundreds of building owners, community leaders and technical professionals in the Kansas City region and nationally.
- Hosted site tours of high-performance buildings in Kansas City. Facilitated a 4-part series on the 2021 IECC recently adopted in Kansas City, Missouri.

### Rising Trades Contractor Accelerator

- Led a three-year entrepreneurship program with three program partners serving 15 diverse construction firms. We connected business owners with 40 hours of back-office support, mentorship, and co-created a "Clean Energy Growth Plan" to position firm leaders for the high-performance buildings industry.

### Energy Funding and Financing

- Developed a feasibility study in March 2021 with the Urban Land Institute involving six national experts and six local real estate leaders on a concept for a regional green bank dedicated to investing in multi-family housing.

*Building Energy Exchange KC is an initiative of Climate Action KC and the Mid-America Regional Council. Founded in April 2021.*

## WORK HISTORY

- Odimo Architecture | Kansas City, MO  
Senior Architect, April 2017- December 2019  
Affordable Housing, Owner's Rep, Higher Education, Urban Infill
- Momena | Overland Park, KS  
Project Architect, Marketing Coordinator, Sept. 2015- April 2017  
K-12, Higher-Ed Architecture (Acquired by DLR Group Dec. 2016)
- Freelance Architect, SAHM | KC/NY Clients  
Sept. 2014-Aug. 2015, Providing architectural, LEED consultation, and development marketing services.
- DRAW Architecture + Urban Design | Kansas City, MO  
Senior Designer, Dec. 2011- Sept. 2014  
Urban Planning, Multi-Family, Custom Residential
- Bradley Stevens/S3 Architecture | New York, NY  
Architect on Contract, June-September 2011, High-End Hospitality
- New World Architecture | New York, NY  
Junior Architect/Operations Coordinator, Jan. 2010- June 2011  
LEED Platinum Pre-Fab Housing, Start-up Venture
- Kim Wendell Design | New York, NY  
Architect on Contract, Apr. 2009- Jan. 2010, High-End Residential
- Sawyer Berson Architecture & Landscape | New York, NY  
July 2007-Feb. 2009, Junior Architect, High-End Residential

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### Education

Master in Urban Planning, 2021  
University of Southern California, 4.0 GPA

Certification in Real Estate Development 2011  
New York University, 4.0 GPA  
School of Professional Studies

Bachelor of Architecture, 2007  
University of Kansas

Registered Architect in Kansas, #6617

### Federal Grant Involvement

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, EPA, TBD

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, EPA, TBD

Renew America's Nonprofits, DOE, Awarded

Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation, DOE  
Awarded

### Civic Leadership

City Planning Commission  
City of Kansas City, Missouri  
May 2020- October 2023

*More information regarding civic and community involvement on the following two pages.*



Boulevard Lofts Community Housing + Community Gardens  
Downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Project Architect, Odimo 2019.



2018 Design Justice Summit, New Orleans  
"Justice Crawl" Center City District

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"Our neighborhood organization will be able to leverage other's knowledge"

"Helps with seeing where the momentum is in Kansas City"

Quotes from Neighborhood Leaders after learning about CommunityKC

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

#### Design Justice Summit

2018 | AIA's First Cohort of Design Justice Architects

I had the honor of being one of 24 architects across the country chosen to participate in the first AIA Design Justice Summit hosted in New Orleans. Over the course of three days, we shared our experiences with one another, discussed systems of oppression that exist in the built environment, and opportunities to dismantle them through policy, projects, and programming. Working with current AIA president Bill Bates, we collectively redefined professional stewardship and set a course to alter the institution of the AIA to reflect justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

#### ULI's Technical Assistance Panels (TAP)

2016-2018 | Urban Land Institute-Kansas City

I have been involved heavily in ULI's Technical Assistance Panels (TAP) because I feel strongly that its process of bringing together planners, architects, developers, and financiers is unparalleled. Unlike the process of traditional development where designers often do not participate in the initial germination of a development project, TAPs have allowed me to facilitate early discussions, plant seeds for good design, and create long-lasting influence in Kansas City. If the city expects to build equitable neighborhoods, I believe we must start with good public input, strong design, and a sustainable financial model.

In 2016, I was asked to serve as the architect for the "North Loop TAP" studying the decommissioning of the stretch of highway bordering the north end of the Central Business District of Downtown. The following year, I co-chaired a TAP with Mayor Quinton Lucas to study the 12th Street Corridor just east of Downtown. Participating in both of these two-day panels allowed me to hear from a wide range of stakeholders, collectively consider a development approach, and tackle issues of gentrification and preserving cultural heritage.

I also planned the Spring 2018 TAP which focused on redeveloping Barney Allis Plaza. The analysis from this report helped guide the conversations that led to Phase I of the redevelopment of Barney Allis Plaza project. The insights gathered by the TAP were instrumental in setting the strategy for the development of the project.

#### CommunityKC.org

2014-2017 | Community Capital Fund, Code for America-KC

I was approached by AltCap, a local CDFI, to work with their sister organization Community Capital Fund on an exhibit project for their annual Community Development Workshop. Originally envisioned as a physical map of current community projects to be displayed at the workshop, the team realized its power to do much more. I, alongside Amanda Wilson, the current program director at CCF, engaged with the local Code for America chapter to develop a digital tool for tracking community projects across the metro. After several months of intensive development, I presented it to 250 community leaders who attended the workshop that year and asked them to contribute a project. Within a few hours, they had close to 100 projects ranging from workforce development programs, neighborhood beautification, to crime prevention. Community leaders were excited about the possibility to learn what others were doing, build collaborative partnerships, and market all the good things going on in their neighborhood.

Over the next three years, I met with Paul Barnham, the Code for America Captain, and his team to develop CommunityKC.org 2.0 and 3.0 revising the platform to incorporate additional features. The goal of Community KC is to create a social platform for mass communication among community leaders and build their capacity to create healthy communities in distressed neighborhoods.



Meeting with Rev. Clyde R. Crumpton at Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church in St. Louis as part of the Community Economic Development Workshop.

“The design process helped create a sense of DIY community-building among neighborhood groups and the city. May the great momentum continue.”

Steve Paul, Kansas City Star  
Opinion Piece commenting on the process for developing the Troost Design Standards.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### Community Economic Development Workshop & Independent Study

Summer/Fall 2016 | University of Missouri-KC Bloch School of Management

Occurring over several days in June 2016, I studied the political, social and economic impacts on urban development. I learned how this manifests itself in public and private development and its relationship to public policy planning. As part of the workshop, the class traveled to St. Louis and developed a plan for community-driven development and social infrastructure surrounding the Historic Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church. After the course, I requested an independent study with my professor to further expand my understanding of economic development. Over the next several months, I deepened my education through a series of intensive readings, case studies, and face-to-face meetings with experts in the field. This education has been invaluable to my understanding of the forces that drive development beyond that which I normally see at a building scale.

### Troost Design Standards

2015 | Partnership between Troost Coalition and Kansas City City Planning Department

In 2015, the Troost Coalition, a strong group of neighbors surrounding Troost Avenue, decided that a key factor for improving their neighborhoods was to set a standard for design for all new construction. Without adequate funding from the City, they started a grassroots effort to develop design standards for a 3.2 mile stretch of Troost Avenue. As a resident adjacent to Troost, I helped to facilitate community engagement sessions, interface with the City Planning staff, and critique the design requirements before it became a city ordinance. The project included local architects, urban planners, KCMO City Planning, Eco Abet, Hoop Dog Studios, and over a hundred community volunteers.

### Kansas City, Missouri Neighborhood Action Plans

2014 | City of Kansas City, MO

While working at DRAW Architecture, I assisted the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services to create six targeted plans for the Westside neighborhood, areas surrounding East Patrol, Manheim Park, Monarch Manor, Santa Fe, and N. Jackson neighborhoods. My team worked with community leaders and held neighborhood meetings to gather input on needs for home improvement and surrounding infrastructure. In order to acquire H.U.D. funding, these six documents served as a directive for improving each neighborhood within the next year and beyond based on the desire of community members. I led several community meetings which I translated to graphics and narrative descriptions for each plan.

A particularly transformative improvement was a plaza we designed and built for the Monarch Manor neighborhood. Previously the site of the historic baseball stadium where the KC Monarchs once played, the neighborhood wanted to see its history remembered. The commemorative plaza highlights the legends that once played on its grounds.