



Mayor William A. Baird

Date: May 31, 2023

To: City Council

From: Mayor Bill Baird

Re: Mayor's Appointment

I am submitting the following appointment for simple majority City Council approval:

Cultural Commission:

- Stephanie Smith, Carlethia Thomas, Cole Soucie, for one-year terms to expire 6-6-24
- James Hennequin, Gary Keshner, Alexis Allen, for two-year terms to expire 6-6-25
- Bernadette Basham, Sara Taylor, Jeanine Thill and Erlene Flowers, for three-year terms to expire 6-6-26

From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 11:10 PM
To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Stephanie Smith

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The Boards and Commissions Application from cityofls.net was submitted.

I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Stephanie Smith

Home Address:

Email Address: stephaniecee@gmail.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 1

Years as a resident: overall, about 25

High School Attended: Lees Summit Senior High School

College Attended: Missouri State University

Current Employment: National Archives and Records Administration

Position Held: Archives Specialist

Interest Response: I was very excited to see the post for this service opportunity. I grew up in Lee's Summit and have always had an interest in history. I graduated from LSHS in 2004. I think that this would be an excellent way for me to serve my local community and to continue to recognize history as a vital part of the conversation. I hold a BA in Anthropology (specializing in archaeology), with a minor in Antiquities (2008). I also hold a graduate certificate in GIS from Missouri State University (2010). I have been active with the Missouri Archaeological Society, having been a member of the Ozarks chapter when I lived in Springfield, as well as the Kansas City chapter. I have participated in various archaeological surveys and excavations in Missouri, as well as other states. I am skilled in both archaeological field and lab techniques. I have supervised volunteers, cataloged, etc. I have worked for the U.S. Forest Service in northern California as an archaeological technician on the Plumas National Forest. I have been working for the National Archives and Records Administration since 2014. I am currently an Archives Specialist with the Research Services branch of NARA here in KC. I have the privilege of working with the public in various capacities, and I feel very fortunate to be a part of providing access to, and preserving, our collective history.

Other Activities: I am a member of Parents as Teachers with LSR7 school district, as well as a member of the Kansas City chapter of the Missouri Archaeological Society.

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: My background is in history, humanities, archives, and cultural resources.

Do you have experience as a/an: Archeologist

Please elaborate on above: I completed my archaeological field school through the Center for Archaeological Research, Missouri State University, in 2005. I have extensive archaeological field and lab experience. Since 2005, I have surveyed and worked on many historic and prehistoric sites throughout the Midwest, as well as northern California. I have also worked overseas at Al Baleed archaeological site, Sultanate of Oman, in 2006 as a square supervisor and 2008 as the project registrar. I have been part of the instruction team with the Missouri Archaeological Society survey training program at various locations around Missouri. I have worked academically, within the private sector, as well as for the federal government.

Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:

Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: none
Term(s) Expires: n/a

Past LS Boards or other community: none

Other Interests: Since moving back to Lee's Summit to raise my family, I have seen tremendous development within this city. I would be grateful for the opportunity to contribute by serving my hometown in this capacity. Thank you.

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Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Carlethia (Lee) Thomas

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Carlethia (Lee) Thomas

Home Address: 1

Email Address: carlethiaa@sbcglobal.net

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 2

Years as a resident: 23

High School Attended: Booker T Washington Norfolk Va

College Attended: Upper Iowa, Kansas State and American Graduate university

Current Employment: Retired

Position Held: Previous 40 yrs Federal Government

Interest Response: I am interested in serving because I'm confident I have the talent, skills, demeanor and personality to be an effective contributing member of the team. I retired from a demanding, challenging and rewarding Government position after 40 years in 2014. My husband was retired from the Army and federal service also. I was enjoying my life with my husband for 49 years until he suddenly passed away in Nov 2020. Since that time I have managed to spend my time engaging in activities that help me stay focused and connected. It was brought to my attention that my ability to express my ideas in ways that encourage discussion and consensus makes me a good candidate for the School Board or similar. My Government position required me to exercise tact and diplomacy on a daily basis. I was the conflict resolution specialist on hundreds of federal contracts. I managed a government contract portfolio valued at one billion dollars. I have a keen interest in history and I'm quite creative.

Other Activities: None at this time.

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: I have a business degree which required courses in history and fine arts. For performing arts no direct experience but I often attend the KC Symphony. One of my federal jobs was as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist where I was involved with cultural resources.

Do you have experience as a/an:

Please elaborate on above:

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Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: None

Term(s) Expires:

Past LS Boards or other community: None

Other Interests: Participating in Silver Sneakers fitness programs and enjoying the antics of my grandchildren.

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From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
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To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Cole Soucie

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Cole Soucie

Home Address:

Email Address: soucie44@gmail.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 2

Years as a resident: 12

High School Attended: Piper High School

College Attended: MidAmerica Nazarene University

Current Employment: Avanos Medical Inc.

Position Held: Territory Manager

Interest Response: I am interested in serving on the Cultural Commission for a few different reasons. I am very interested in the history of Lees Summit. My wife and I lived close to longview farm and were members of the Longview Alliance, which worked to preserve the longview farm structures. I am also an artist who was commissioned to draw the longview chapel for their 100th anniversary. There was an article about the drawing and some of my other artwork in the Lees Summit Lifestyle magazine. I'm a part time artist that mainly focuses on local sports, but I have also done a variety of snow sculptures. Being an artist, I am also very interested in the local shows and ways art can become a part of Lees Summit

Other Activities:

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: Fine art, public art, and history of the local area are all interests of mine, and with the skill set that I have being an artist I believe I can provide knowledge and help shine a light on our history through art.

Do you have experience as a/an:

Please elaborate on above:

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Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: N/A

Term(s) Expires:

Past LS Boards or other community: N/A

Other Interests:

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From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
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To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by James Hennequin

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: James Hennequin

Home Address:

Email Address: jhennequin2008@gmail.com

Phone Number

District registered to vote: District 1

Years as a resident: 40

High School Attended: Torrington HS

College Attended: Longview Community College

Current Employment: Furniture Mall of MO

Position Held: Sales

Interest Response: I have dual interests in historical preservation as well as the performing arts. I currently volunteer with the LS History Museum in the capacity of videographer whereby I am helping them establish a presence on YouTube and ultimately, attract more visitors. I also have a great deal of experience in the performing arts both on stage and behind the scenes. In addition, as a Lee's Summit homeowner with a family history tracing back to the early 60s (my grandfather opened the Western Electric plant) I love the city and would be interested in helping the community maintain its status as one of the best cities in the state if not the nation.

Other Activities: See Above.

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: In addition to the statement above, I love to learn about history including anything local and have in my personal library all editions of the Don Hale LS history books. In terms of the performing arts, I have not only

played in various musical groups around town over the years but have also served as a sound and lighting technician for some of the top events around KC (timeframe 1990 - 1999) such as the Jewel Ball, the Symphony Ball, Rock Fest and numerous other corporate and special events.

Do you have experience as a/an:

Please elaborate on above:

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Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards:

Term(s) Expires:

Past LS Boards or other community:

Other Interests:

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From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
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To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Gary Keshner

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Gary Keshner

Home Address:

Email Address: mstlong@aol.com

Phone Number

District registered to vote: District 1

Years as a resident: 30

High School Attended: University City High School

College Attended: Kansas City Art Institute

Current Employment: Creative Sculpture & Restoration

Position Held: Owner

Interest Response: 30+ years experience in historic masonry restoration through out the midwest. Fountains, cemeteries, statues of all types. Limestone, marble, terra cotta, brick, etc.

Bachelor in fine arts from the Kansas City Art Institute

Member of The Association for Preservation Technology (APT)

Pictures of my recent projects can be seen on my website at www.creativesculptureandrestoration.com

Other Activities:

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above:

Do you have experience as a/an: Architect, Building Contractor

Please elaborate on above: My company Creative Sculpture & Restoration specializes in restoration and preservation of historical masonry structures.

Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:

Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: none

Term(s) Expires:

Past LS Boards or other community: Lee's Summit Historical Board

Other Interests:

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Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Alexis Allen

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Alexis Allen

Home Address:

Email Address: am4besallen@gmail.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 1

Years as a resident: 29

High School Attended: Lee's Summit High School

College Attended: Northwest Missouri State University and University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law

Current Employment: Williams Dirks Dameron, LLC

Position Held: Associate Attorney

Interest Response: I am uniquely qualified to join the Cultural Commission. I am a proud Lee's Summit native who knew I wanted to return to Lee's Summit and the Kansas City Metro area to make my career, returning from Maryville, MO after getting my Bachelor of Arts Degree in History to go to University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law where I got my Juris Doctor. In doing so, I even convinced my now-husband and in-laws to join the Lee's Summit community. It is not just my love of the community that is important. As a millennial, my love of history is not common place and often misunderstood, but it has been an integral part of me since fourth grade where Mrs. Anne Braun of Woodland Elementary decided I needed to learn to love history. Since then I have dedicated a part of my life to it. In High School, I focused on fine arts and merged it with my love of history, creating art pieces which were inspired by antiques and the history of my family. One of those creations still hangs in Lee's Summit High School. During my time at Northwest Missouri State, I returned to Lee's Summit to intern at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum where I got an in-depth view of the local history and culture during President Truman's life. Part of my job there was to help children get interested in the museum and all it had to offer by creating a scavenger hunt for them. As an Associate Attorney now, history is involved in my everyday life as I use precedents to in my cases and work with the community. At home, house is filled with antiques and I love finding new treasures to add to my collection. Lee's Summit and the Kansas City Metro area have a rich history and culture, where once only the modern would do, we

are now coming around to once again find and focus on the beauty of history. Working in Downtown Kansas City I get to experience the cultural history on a regular basis and want to see Lee's Summit's culture also embrace the history of our city. We are so close to museums, sports teams, and major city life of Kansas City, that we cannot let ourselves be overshadowed. We are unique, with suburban community feel that shows our love of our citizens, but also the growing amenities of city life, with new apartments, small businesses, and outdoor market coming. It is important to marry those important new amenities with the historic buildings and culture of Lee's Summit, not overshadowing any part, but rather creating a beautiful display of both. By doing so, we preserve our history and culture, as there is only one Lee's Summit, but we also celebrate those who came before us and those who will come after us, by leaving a legacy that cannot be erased.

Other Activities: I am a proud supporter of local animal shelters and rescues and the Downtown Lee's Summit small businesses.

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: At Lee's Summit High School I took International Bachelorette Classes in both History and Art. One of those pieces still hangs in Lee's Summit High School. I have a Bachelors of Arts degree in History from Northwest Missouri State University where I graduated with honors and Cum Luanda. I interned at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum while completing my undergraduate degree. I continue to do my own fine art and history research along with collecting antiques today. I supported my brother while he participated in the choral arts at Lee's Summit High School, including Sounds of Summit, after I graduated. I continue to support the choral and performing arts at the high schools in Lee's Summit and am friends with one of the choreographers for the musicals. In my career as an Attorney, research plays an important role in our cases and involvement in the community.

Do you have experience as a/an: Historian

Please elaborate on above: I was a Museum Intern for the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri.

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Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards:

Term(s) Expires:

Past LS Boards or other community: Past Vice President and Executive Board Member of Sigma Society, a service organization at Northwest Missouri State University.

Other Interests: I love enjoying the Lee's Summit Community with my friends and family. My husband and I love to take walks in our neighborhood with our dog and enjoy the activities Lee's Summit constantly has going on with friends. My mom and I love to explore downtown Lee's Summit's stores and restaurants on the weekends. During the holidays we enjoy adopting a family through Great Beginnings in the Lee's Summit School District. When not out and about I can be found in my craft room creating a new art project, reading a book, or looking for new antiques.

Date: 5-9-23

I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Bernadette Basham

Home Address: 423 NE Medford Dr, Lees Summit, MO 64064

Email Address: bernadette_basham@yahoo.com

Phone Number: 8165828971

District registered to vote: District 3

Years as a resident: 5

High School Attended: Smithton

College Attended: Central Missouri State University (now known as UCM)

Current Employment: H&R Block World Headquarters

Position Held: Program Manager

Interest Response: I have always believed it is our civic duty to be involved in our community. I enjoy working with others, learning more about my community and making the place where I live a better place for all. I am also proud to live in Lee's Summit and want to support my city in a meaningful way.

I have worked in "corporate America" for 25+ years, working across Sprint PCS, Accenture, Hallmark Cards and H&R Block and have an MBA. I am the Program Manager for the Chief Tax Officer of H&R Block. My role includes a lot of different areas of work depending on the exact program or initiative. At a high-level I am responsible for managing programs, communicating updates to all levels and ensuring timely and quality driven deliverables across the programs I manage. I can apply these communication, management and tactful diplomacy skills in many ways on a board or commission and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

My interest with the Cultural Commission centers around the beautification and conservation of our natural environment. The natural environment provides us a wealth of services for our Lee's Summit residents that is difficult to measure in dollars. I would be honored to be part of this commission that both helps both our citizens and the Earth and makes Lee's Summit a more beautiful and environmentally friendly city.

Other Activities: I am currently serving on the Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board and have been since October of 2021. This has been a great opportunity to learn more about the city of Lee's Summit and how we manage our expansive park system and best serve our park patrons. I have enjoyed this role and would like to take my learnings and apply them to the Cultural Commission.

While I am an avid fan of being outdoors and enjoying our parks, I am also very passionate about the environment and have volunteered with many environmental efforts over the last several years. My environmental passion centers on preservation of our beautiful Missouri landscape, use of native plants and active engagement in the overall conservation of our natural resources. I served on the South Grand River Watershed Alliance board for 7 years and transitioned to a regular volunteer last year. I have also volunteered in countless Stream Team Cleanups throughout the years and volunteered across the following environmental groups: Heartland Tree Alliance, Grow Native, Missouri River Relief, Bridging the Gap and Missouri Prairie Foundation events. It is important for me to be active in what I believe in.

Date: 5-9-23

I was also honored with being interviewed by my employer on Earth Day this year for my volunteer work centered on the environment. See this article: https://www.hrblock.com/tax-center/newsroom/people-culture/environmental-volunteerism-earth-day-q-and-a/?campaignid=pr_mcm_pr-linkedin_community_2023-04-Environmental-Volunteerism:-An-Associate-Earth-Day-QA

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: I have completed the Missouri Department of Conservation Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 1 course.

Do you have experience as a/an:

Please elaborate on above:

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Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: Lee's Summit Parks & Recreation
Term(s) Expires: May 2024

Past LS Boards or other community: South Grand River Watershed Alliance

Other Interests: I am also a history fan. Lee's Summit is a community rich in history so being able to preserve this history and help educate the next generation would be an honor.

From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
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To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Sara Taylor

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Sara Taylor

Home Address:

Email Address: sara@kcdumpster.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 2

Years as a resident: 42

High School Attended: Lees Summit High School

College Attended: Arizona State University

Current Employment: KC Dumpster Company

Position Held: Customer and Community Relations

Interest Response: As part of the Cultural Commission, I would bring passion and experience in the areas of sustainability and green initiatives. In addition to the many great things already in place to ensure that Lee's Summit is beautiful and well-kept, I would love to explore how we might make choices today that leave a better footprint for future generations to live and thrive in LS. This could include educating our citizens on small changes they can make in their homes to larger city-wide initiatives and expectations that will continue to make LS a place people want to live, work, and play. As part of the team at KC Dumpster, I have the opportunity to participate in national conversations around sustainability, recycling, green initiatives, reducing our carbon footprint, and so much more. We are excited to continue the services at the LS Public Disposal Area, as well as bring new opportunities to recycle construction and demolition waste to the Midwest. There is a great opportunity in the greater KC community to create new reuse and recycle markets for materials that are currently placed in landfills. I bring knowledge and passion to protect our natural resources and leave a more sustainable city for future generations.

Other Activities: Member of the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation Advisory Board
Member of the ProDeo Youth Center Board

Leadership Lee's Summit alumni and Coordinator
Member of Lee's Summit Chamber
Member of the noon Lee's Summit Rotary Club

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: No

Please elaborate on above:

Do you have experience as a/an:

Please elaborate on above:

Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:

Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: n/a

Term(s) Expires:

Past LS Boards or other community: n/a

Other Interests: As a former LSR7 educator, I care greatly about the young people of our community and ensuring they receive the best possible education and community to grow up in. During my tenure as an educator, I also coached teachers and created/facilitated professional learning experiences. I love to use these skills in my current role on boards and as part of community groups to guide discussions and encourage growth and new thinking. As I have transitioned roles into the waste and recycling industry, I am excited about the many opportunities to be a change-maker and create a city that is focused on today and a "greener" future.

In my personal time, I love being a mom to 3 young people. My son will be a freshman at LS West and my identical twin girls will be in 4th grade at Longview Farm Elementary. I have been married for 15 years to my best friend. I also enjoy volunteering at my church, engaging in physical activity, reading/listening to podcasts, learning new things, singing and listening to music, being outdoors, traveling, and spending time on the water.

Lastly, as a born-and-raised Lee's Summitian, I love our community and I am so thankful for everyone who pours their time and energy into making this a great community. I am so thankful the many opportunities I get to serve and be part of the collective whole.

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From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
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To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Jeanine Thill

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Jeanine Thill

Home Address:

Email Address: thilljeanine@gmail.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 2

Years as a resident: 27 years

High School Attended: Spencer High School, Spencer Iowa

College Attended: University of Norther Iowa

Current Employment: City of Liberty, MO

Position Held: Community Development Manager (Staff liaison to Preservation Commission and the Arts Commission)

Interest Response: I would love the opportunity to volunteer in a meaningful way for the City of Lee's Summit and have applicable experience that think would be a perfect fit for the newly established Cultural Commission. I have lived in Lee's Summit for 27 years and was the Executive Director of Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street, from 2003 until 2011, leading the downtown district through the years that new infrastructure and streetscaping were installed. I was responsible for the overall revitalization of the downtown and also assisted in the implementation of the downtown master plan. While I currently work for the City of Liberty, I still live in Lee's Summit and I have a love for the downtown, preservation and the arts! I am fortunate to do this work for a living for the City of Liberty, and have their Community Development Manager since 2016. In this role, my responsibilities in part consist of serving as the Preservation Planner to the Preservation Commission. Liberty was just recently recognized for 35 years as a Certified Local Government, a status I am responsible for maintaining. I work with the Historic District Review Commission and property owners to process applications for Certificate of Appropriateness for four local historic residential districts as well as the downtown commercial district, which consists of 297 contributing structures in National Register Districts. Also, as the city staff to the Liberty Arts Commission, I manage all of the art grants, the outdoor and indoor public art for the city, including the annual rotating sculpture program, our permanent art collection as well as scheduling the art exhibits in our city buildings and public partner galleries. Other responsibilities include managing neighborhood enhancement grants for

the city and overseeing code enforcement. With this experience, I fully understand the processes and procedures of local government as well as the importance of community engagement. This is a labor of love and I would be honored to share my knowledge and passion with the City of Lee's Summit as a member of the Cultural Commission.

Other Activities: 2023-2024 Parade of Hearts, Community Engagement Committee
Rebuilding Together Kansas City, Executive Board member since 2018
Historic Downtown Liberty, Board Member since 2016
I also periodically volunteer for Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street events.

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: See above, I believe my work experience described above shows my knowledge and passion for all of these areas.

Do you have experience as a/an:

Please elaborate on above:

Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:

Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: None

Term(s) Expires: N/A

Past LS Boards or other community: In the past I served on the Civic Roundtable, the Downtown Master Plan task force and am an alumni of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership LS.

Other Interests: Anything that makes our community a better place!

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Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Erlene E C Flowers

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I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Erlene E C Flowers

Home Address: 2405 SW Switchback Circle, Lee's Summit, MO 64082-4096

Email Address:

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 2

Years as a resident: Moved to Lee's Summit in 2005-18 years

High School Attended: Cass Technical High School- Detroit, Michigan

College Attended: Wayne State University — Detroit, Michigan Bachelors, Masters, Specialist, ABD

Current Employment: Retired -active working artist. My website: www.ErleneECFlowers.com

Position Held: Director, High School Principal, High School Assistant Principal, Guidance Department Head, Counselor, classroom art instructor

Interest Response: I have been a resident in Lee's Summit since 2005. While here I have served on one committee at the City level. I was active politically advocating for children in Detroit, Michigan where all of my tenure was served. Currently, I maintain an active artist studio and small business in Lee's Summit called Signature Creations Studio. I am a charter member of Summit Art and have served on several committees within the organization. I was chairperson for over 5 years on the art scholarship committee within the organization which required working directly with the local high schools and art educators. I have been really concerned about the lack of a really proper place for the arts in Lee's Summit including- performance, like our symphony, visual arts, and the spoken word. I have had a real concern about diversity and inclusion in the arts in my city. In the history of Summit Art there has been limited contacts for minorities. The scholarship committee worked hard to include and recruit eligible talented young for the annual scholarship competitions. I think that my interest and background would lend a new light in our road to becoming a real destination city. Considering the size of a bedroom community to greater Kansas City our inclusion record in the arts is dismal. We could and should improve our record of Americanism .

Other Activities: I am a member of Unity Village and have worked in the arts in that setting. Worked on projects in Independence am a past president of the art association when it existed there. Was vice president and scholarship committee person in the now defunct Greater Kansas City Art Association.

Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources: Yes

Please elaborate on above: My college major was art education and administration for my Masters program. I am an ABD in the doctoral program.

Do you have experience as a/an: Historian

Please elaborate on above: One of my minors is in Art History. I have a special interest in history generally. This area is so rich in history and my concern to the 360 Committee was a desire to alter the history of the city. Where we come from is what makes us great.

Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:

Please elaborate on above:

Current LS Boards: I was in the second committee for writing the 360 Committee in 2008-2009 whet I realized how limited the average citizen input is in Lee's Summit. I am active with the Brush Creek Art Walk in Kansas City. I was part of Artists For Life Project and was recognized for my contribution by the Mayor Of Topeka, Kansas. I worked with the Cultures without Borders Art Project as a participant. Was recognized by the Mayor of Kansas City in 2014 for my work with art to project awareness of the handgun violence.

Term(s) Expires: Currently -not on any project

Past LS Boards or other community: 360 committee

Other Interests: Specifically in today's climate - inclusion of all Americans. My concern while serving on the 360 Committee was the lack of including new blood and the assumptions being made by persons who were active in dominating city politics.

I did work on a political campaign in the Mayor's race here.

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