
From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 1:54 PM
To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Tony Meyer

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

I wish to apply for: Human Relations Commission

Name: Tony Meyer

Home Address: :

Email Address: tmeyer@bssd.net

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 3

Years as a resident: 17

High School Attended: Newburg

College Attended: UCM

Current Employment: Blue Springs School District

Position Held: Elementary Physical Education Teacher

Interest Response: I love the city I live in, and what to do my part to ensure it stays as wonderful a place to reside in as possible, and continually help to improve the quality of life in Lee's Summit for every resident.

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:

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: Human Relations Commission

Term(s) Expires: March 2023

Past LS Boards or other community:

Other Interests: Physical Fitness, arts, volunteerism

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From: do-not-reply@cityofls.net
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 9:04 PM
To:
Subject: Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Mark Kitchens

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

I wish to apply for: Planning Commission

Name: Mark Kitchens

Home Address:

Email Address: markadamkitchens@gmail.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 4

Years as a resident: 7.5

High School Attended: Stafford Senior High School

College Attended: Brigham Young University- BA; Park University- MPA

Current Employment:

Position Held:

Interest Response: As part of the Planning Commission for the past 4 years, I've had the opportunity to grow as both a citizen of Lee's Summit and a civil servant to its citizens. I've had the pleasure of serving the City and being part of some of the most important decisions made for the development and creation of jobs, infrastructure, and commerce to date. The vast and fast growth of the City of Lee's Summit has had a huge impact on every person within its limits, but also on the Kansas City metro area as a whole. I've had the great honor of being part of that for the past 4 years and would be happy to continue service to my fellow citizens and city for another 4 years if it pleases the Mayor and City Council.

As part of my tenure, I believe I've been an asset in asking the correct questions of developers, architects, business leaders, and all interested parties as they presented various projects and concepts to the Planning Commission. Some notable items include the development of Elevate 114 Apartments in downtown Lee's Summit. This project was a source of contention for many in the city, with a TIF Commission split down the middle. I was firm in my belief that while the project may have some detractors (some with reasonable concerns even), it was the healthy thing for both the city and downtown. Elevate 114 Apartments was desired by the previous tenant as the project relieved their financial burden for an unused facility, but also for the care and dedication Elevate 114 offered in regards to incorporating the sanctuary into the design. I heard many voices for that decision and I played my part in making the best decision for that area of

downtown. I very much believe that the best decision are made with an open mind and hearing every voice involved, but conclude decisively and with a collaborative decision.

Another project which comes to mind is the development of East Trails Middle School. As part of the project, LSR7 desired the City of Lee's Summit to pay approximately \$2 million for a roadway around the school. I was firm in my conviction that it was the incorrect course of action. With any other developer, the City would never have submitted funds directly for an improvement almost exclusively benefitting the developer. I submitted the denial and was backed by much of the Planning Commission passing the vote. Two weeks later, LSR7 submitted and funded the road on their own. While a great partner, LSR7 was incorrect in their request. I believe that a strong, friendly voice is always needed on the Planning Commission and I pledge to continue to help all our partners make the best decisions for Lee's Summit with a firm stance and helping smile.

I am small business owner here in Lee's Summit and believe my experiences as such play a large role in my dedication to a healthy, broad tax base within the city. Healthy cities require a mix of housing choices, industrial capabilities, clean and repaired infrastructure, and retail availability in order thrive. Growing the City is a function of both design and attractiveness. We can't expect to grow if we don't offer citizens and businesses a healthy environment. I've excitedly over the past 4 years welcomed many businesses of all sizes into the City, while diligently working to weed out any bad conceptions. We've happily increased not only our industrial options across Lee's Summit, but have kept our retail sector healthy along the way, and very attractive as a destination for many shops and companies. Our housing sector is well-managed and positioned to be one of the healthiest in the Kansas City area, with options available for all families. I am aware that issues exist with our housing, but happy to say that I believe I've helped this issue over my term and intend to continue promoting safe, smart development in the future.

I believe that I have been of service as a Planning Commissioner to the City of Lee's Summit and I would love the opportunity to do so for another 4 years. I believe that my dedication, experience, and personal background will serve the City well and help see another term of successful development and wise choices in the face of any adversity.

Other Activities: I currently serve my faith as a volunteer member of the lay clergy (Bishopric) in the Lee's Summit 1st Ward (congregation). As such, I act as part of the Administration for the Ward and serve multiple religious roles. It is what's referred to as a "calling" in our faith and I happily fulfill it, but it will end, usually between 3 to 5 years in service.

I also currently serve my faith as the State Representative for the Missouri VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) and as the State Representative for LDS Charities; the charitable arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As such, I also act as an Area Welfare Specialist. These leadership positions allow me to serve my community and religion in developing and overseeing Emergency Preparedness and Response operations and programs within our congregations, as well as coordination with other Non-governmental Organizations (American Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.). I'm very happy to serve in this calling as well.

Currently, I'm heading up the Clean Team coordination with the Ministerial Alliance and JustServe.org. It's been a great opportunity to combine the common good of the City with these organizations and help make Lee's Summit a little cleaner.

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Current LS Boards: Planning Commissioner
Term(s) Expires: 15 April 2023

Past LS Boards or other community:

Other Interests:

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