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Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Dave Eames

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

I wish to apply for: Cultural Commission

Name: Dave Eames

Home Address:

Email Address: fossilforge@gmail.com

Phone Number:

District registered to vote: District 1

Years as a resident: 32

High School Attended: Booker T. Washington (Tulsa, OK.)

College Attended: University of Kansas

Current Employment: Co-owner of Fossil Forge and Local Foundery

Position Held: Various

Interest Response: I am eager to continue to give back to our City and community. Living here for more than three decades and owning two businesses has revealed the need for all of us to step forward when asked. The gift of time, skill, experience and loyalty are a few of the assets I can offer. I want to work hard to make our City glow with promise and creativity. I love that we have future that can be filled with arts, culture, experience, history and opportunity. I want to be a part of a City that people defend and are proud of, yet acknowledge the many ways we can be better.

Other Activities: I am active with Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street, even having the privilege of being a past Board President. In addition, I am an board member with the newly-formed Lee's Summit Creates organization and I sit on the Civic Roundtable. Recently, I was active with the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation, working as a contract graphic designer, illustrator and advisory board member.

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 been a professional artist for more than 30 years, creating a range of expression from graphic design, illustration, visual communication, sculpture and functional art. In addition, I have a keen and curious interest in our natural, human and architectural history, here in Lee's Summit and beyond.

Do you have experience as a/an: Historic District Business Owner

Please elaborate on above: Both of our businesses are located in the downtown core in historic buildings.

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: See above

Other Interests: Outside of our businesses and other commitments, I enjoy drawing, painting and making sculpture. I keep a daily illustrated journal (since 1980) that captures the mundane to exciting parts of my life. Currently, I am working on a graphic novel called 'The Last Best Time'. It should be finished by the end of the year. My wife, Kelly and I have four grown children in various stages of adulthood. You can find me in our backyard sweating and digging in the pursuit of building a native tallgrass prairie garden, a tiny reminder of what our rich natural heritage was like. Or, you might find me puttering around town in my old Chevy truck with my golden retriever Hobbes by my side.

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