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Presentation: Cultural Commission Update

Issue/Request:

This presentation is to provide an update to the Council on the activities of the Cultural Commission.

Background:

The Cultural Commission was created in November of 2022. The purpose of the commission is to advise the City Council on recommendations regarding arts and cultural programming, community aesthetics, and historic preservation issues relevant to citizens and visitors in alignment with the 2020 Ignite Strategic Plan's Community goals and objectives. The Commission makes recommendations on ways to increase public awareness of the cultural resources that make our city unique. The Cultural Commission also serves as the Historic Preservation Commission for the purpose of maintaining the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) status with the State Historic Preservation Office.

Membership is comprised of thirteen (13) Lee's Summit residents each serving a three-year term. Thirteen founding members were appointed in June 2023 to serve staggered terms of one, two, or three years. Members represent a cross-section of history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources or cultural resources.

The first meeting of the Cultural Commission was held on September 20, 2023, with a kick-off and training. Subsequent meetings began a process of strategic planning with Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services MARC, facilitating a Priority Setting Workshop. This presentation by Cultural Commission Chair Dave Eames will inform the Council of the items that the Commission plans to focus on for the next three years.

Glenda Master, Cultural Arts Manager

Dave Eames, Chair

