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Board Application

Board Applying For:	Economic Development Board
Name	Fred Meier
Date	8/9/2019
Address	2712 Links Lane
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Educational Background:	
High School Name and Location	Shawnee Mission West - Overland Park, Kansas
Graduated/Degree	Diploma
College Name and Location	Kansas State University
Graduated/Degree	BS
Major	Secondary Education
Other Education Name and Location	Pittsburg State University
Graduated/Degree	Master's
Emphasis	Educational Administration
Do you reside inside the corporate limits of the City of Independence?	Yes
If no, do you reside within 3 miles of the corporate limits of the City of Independence?	Yes

What experiences have you had that you feel would assist you as a board member?

Currently serve as the Director of Operations and Finance for USD 446. I served in a similar capacity for seventeen (17) years before retiring in 2012 then returning July 1st. I also served on the city commission from April 2013 until December 2017. The school district plays an important part in any economic development initiative as are other quality of life entities. Education will be a valuable asset to this board.

Why do you want to become a member of the board?

I love the City of Independence and want to see it grow. I previously served on several boards in the community in an effort to "give back" to the community that has given so much to me and my family. Developing a comprehensive economic development plan will be the key to stabilizing and growing our current population base. It also is an effective tool to improve city services by spreading the cost over more people. This will help to stabilize the current tax structure in the city.

'give back Economic development is and will be the driving force to stabilizing the downward population trend. Spreading the cost of city government over more people is the key to the expansion of serves and maintaining the tax structure. I will bring a "can do" attitude and approach to this board.

Do you feel that there are any issues needing immediate attention by the board? If so, please explain.

Communities around us are securing new economic development opportunities outside of retail. We need to identify our strengths to focus on developing and marketing these strengths. We then need to focus on developing a comprehensive plan complete with action steps and budgets. We should make the commitment to invest in ourselves.

Other comments:

I appreciate the commission's commitment to economic development. I would appreciate the opportunity to again serve our community on this important board.

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