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Town of Lyons Board of Trustees Application for Appointment

Please fill out each blank with adequate information. Once submitted, the current BOT intends to consider prospective applicants at a special meeting, being held on August 8, 2025. For any questions please reach out to the Town Clerk, dvasquez@townoflyons.com.

Date Applied	8/5/2025
Name	Phi Houle
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Cell/Mobile Number	[REDACTED]
Physical Address	[REDACTED] Carter Court, Lyons CO 80541
PO Box (if applicable)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
I reside within the Town limits of Lyons Colorado	YES
How long have you lived in the Town of Lyons?	4 + years
Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, and what contributions do you feel you can make?	Humbly, I don't know why. (other than I happened to run into Tanya). I would offer that that perhaps is the point. I want to see this community connect and to thrive and to be a part of that. I know that it happens face to face. When people feel alive and free to be in their environment, they are open to connecting... That vibration, people will talk about and emulate and reflect all over the world. It infects. It is a lot of work and I have been engaged in it in this town, bringing people together, pulling ourselves out of boxes to connect and develop relationships with one another. This cannot just come from the town, it always comes from the people and this is my work already.

So when I walk into the town hall I feel heavy. I feel like the creative juices that flow through this town cannot just hang on the walls, it has to be coming from the people! I want our town hall

meetings to be a calling, I see this role in this town as being a great honor, because we are making spaces to connect and to appreciate how awesome it is that we exist and however that looks.

So the first space I intend to honor should I become a board of trustee, is 10 minutes of appreciation included in the minutes. opening it up actually, and a free acknowledgment and appreciation moments. For the people in the room, or for the town or for whatever... But people will raise their hands if they would like to be heard in their appreciation for somebody or something.

I feel while this may be considered as hippy stuff; If we are not intentionally creating space for appreciating each other, we are missing the point I think.

What do you feel are the most pressing issues facing Lyons?

It seems that Housing has been a major issue, perhaps because I am someone who rents, in the affordable housing that was just developed. I have a keen eye on this, for renters and people who have lesser means. What they lack in means they certainly do not lack in depth, creativity and wisdom. A sense of belonging, no matter if you own or rent I think is extremely important, and common ground for people to find each other, is necessary here in both metaphor, and in actual ground. We have a lot of physical space and I feel like now it's important to be giving people space, in our listening to be seen and heard. SO that THEY themselves feel seen and heard.

Man when people come into a town hall that is all they want, and the time that I have tried to talk in that room, it was SO hard to feel self expressed, and free to be, as I feel mostly.

I am not partial to many of the narratives I have heard come through there in the time I have been here, Which is why I think (going back to contribution) I could be of value in this interim period, of bringing a pristine listening and a commitment to simply that people feel heard and seen. This is the most important thing to me and I think it is also the most pressing issue facing Lyons, that no one is really talking about.

What past experiences do you have that will benefit you in this role? Describe yourself and past work experience, hobbies, and interests. You may substitute this question by uploading your resume below,

Wow. While I have been in charge of bigger decisions (which I assume is one of the distinct characteristics of this role), I never thought I would be applying to something like this. When I see you guys up there I see "successful career people", that is what I made up anyway. I am not that to be clear.

After a degree in psych and gov I moved to Bulgaria to be an apprentice under a master of Aikido (this is the art of love and peace). I spent 2 years there skirting around Eastern Europe. I Moved to Chicago and tried my hand at some kind of tech start

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up community rallyer. Then I was hired by a transformational seminars company who moved me to Colorado. I spent 7 years training and leading programs for them. Left to start a family with a woman I had met in that program. She is a doctor and chief of staff at boulder community hospital, and our son will be attending Lyons elementary school (transferring from Jamestown elementary) for the first time! She is more of the official person who makes decisions than I.

My cousin Shawn Mccafferty, was a resident here and died of an overdose in 2021. I hadn't been to Lyons for but a visit, until I painted a picture of him and brought together 50 people at the Labyrinth to be together. That happened in May of 2021 and every year on that weekend we gather at the labyrinth to just be together because of how incredibly important it feels! That feeling of connecting and being together in a community on a piece of land that is this place.

My business is that I make metal altars to elevate the world around me and for others. I framed my cousin Shawn Mccafferty and his picture is now hanging on the Town Hall Wall, in black and white. The legend of Shawn Mccafferty I continue to tell is that people used to go to Mojos, every week, just so they could see Shawn. Tai, says that he didn't like him as an employee because he talked more than he worked. Another family I run into at MainStage right after it became this, said to me that Shawn took this family to feed the homeless on thanksgiving and her entire family of 5 tell this story to this day.

These moments of connecting with people and with this community are fierce and through my years of non traditional life pathing, I have acquired many important skills at connecting and being with people that I don't even think about anymore, they are just a part of who I am.

I'd say that I could do the job of BOT based on what I know now about it.

Resume	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Where did you live prior to moving to Lyons?	Jamestown since 2017, Boulder since 2015, Denver, Littleton, Moved to Colorado in 09
Why did you choose to locate in Lyons?	My cousin, Shawn Mccafferty, wanted me to be here.