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Background/Foundations

Purpose: A brief excerpt on my experience, qualifications and purpose – foundations of trust

Background:

- Born in Lake Charles, La – first baby born in new hospital on Father's Day – Ham and Turkey
- Grandfather was 7th son of 7 sons – all builders in LA and TX – all bids ending in 77 cents
- Graduated Valedictorian Sulphur High School, Sulphur, LA – Played football and band – HS coach was ex-Marine drill sergeant – “Swap your brains with a monkey and I'd be cheatin' the monkey”, however got multiple scholarships for football, academics, ROTC
- Graduated from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA with degree in Architecture

Air Force Officer (1979-2002)

- Master's Degree in Engineering Management – Air Force Institute of Technology
- Entered Air Force in 1979 as second lieutenant – 10 years active duty, 13 years in Reserves – retired in 2002
- Gave up pilot slot to be an architect for the Air Force – Quality of Life Initiative – Retention
- As an Air Force Architect
 - Served as Chief of Design and Chief Engineer in several locations
 - Planned, Designed, and Managed Construction on over \$1 billion in facilities around the world including two new bases from the ground up
 - Led 43 planning assistance teams to support commanders at installations in Japan, Greece, England, Spain, Canada, Panama, Caribbean, Germany, and Crete
 - Master Planned over 100 military facilities and campuses around the world
 - 7 years as Chief Engineer for 307th RED HORSE unit – a 400 person worldwide mobile design and construction unit – Nation Building and Drug Interdiction – Designed and built schools, clinics, airfields in the Caribbean and South America
 - Lead for Damage Assessment Teams and Base Denial
 - Retired from the Reserves in 2002 as Lieutenant Colonel

Registered Architect (1990- Present)

- In the last 24 years, have worked for both large and small firms – Engineering, Architecture, and AE (Architecture and Engineering) firms
- Served 7 years as member of hand-picked Air Force Design Advisory Council advising Chief Engineer of the Air Force on policy matters related to planning and design of facilities and installations – worked with 6 reserve colonels who all had private practices – including chief of Disney's Imagineering Department – an unbelievable experience as a young Captain and the first certified planner in uniform
- Planned and designed airports and airport facilities for 10 years – developed 7 new airports in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi
- Design Build of nearly \$600 million in facilities – 30 projects from \$95K to \$350 million
- Warrior-in- Transition Facilities in Arizona, El Paso and Killen
- Won 7 Air Force Design Awards to include New B-1 Bomber Base Design, U.S Air Force Academy Master Plan Update, Kadena AB Housing Redevelopment Plan, and two different awards for Anti-Terrorism/ Force Protection Entry Facilities at 46 installations across the US (post 9-11)
- Developed several successful community grants in North Texas – over \$1million in funding
- Indoctrinated as a Fellow – American Institute of Planners – 2012 – top 1% nationwide

Personal

- Met a beautiful, smart and classy lady – a Mount Pleasant born and bred lady - in Madrid, Spain in 1985. 16 years later married Karen Newman Gage in 1999. Karen is a certified therapist and counselor and currently works for the Lakes Regional Counseling Center here in Mount Pleasant

- After years of hearing great things about the “Community” of Mount Pleasant and after initial wooing to the downtown Mt P Christmas lights, moved here in 2002



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- Bought one of the McKellar farms owned by Mark and redeveloped it into Engage Farms – breeding, raising, training, and selling Performance Quarter Horses – Cutting and Reining bloodlines and got my start in cattle ranching crossing Red Angus and Charolaise
- Daughter – Aimee Catherine married living in New Orleans and with her husband John own and operate Keife’s Bottle Shop – a European vintage wine shop recently named wine shop of the year

Since in Mount Pleasant

Local Projects

- Designed the addition to the Chamber for the Industrial Foundation
- “Smallville – The Making Of Community and Superheroes” – A Strategic Plan for the Chamber, Mount Pleasant and Titus County – Vectors for the future (also the beginnings of a book of same name) (Presentation to Texas Municipal League)
- MPISD Administration Building Renovation
- Feasibility Study for Redevelopment of Old Mt P High School Gymnasium
- Feasibility Study for Mount Pleasant/Titus County Event Center (in association with Priefert)
- NTCC Dorm Construction Administration Oversight
- NTCC Capital Improvements Program – an assessment and a plan for the future – foundation for recent bond election propositions
- Ongoing consultation with Priefert Complex Designs on arena and event center development

Non Local

- Facility Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan, Air Force Villages – retirement community - over 1 million sf
- Barksdale AFB Dental Clinic renovations and Kirtland AFB Medical Clinic Renovations
- Lackland AFB Military Working Dog Hospital – Recovery and Rehabilitation Units
- Architectural Quality Control – Fort Hood \$15M Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility
- Expert Witness for Design Build Facility Delivery Processes in Federal Court Cases
- Establishment of Design Build Consortium, LLC – a service disabled veteran owned small business – focusing on VA projects

My Goals in This Community – This is Home

- **To help facilitate growth in the region, improving quality of life and the regional economy**
- **How?**
 - County redevelopment projects
 - Preservation and Development of the community historic
 - Development of standards for redevelopment and new development
 - Engaging, encouraging and promoting the regional capabilities and businesses – selling the concept and reality of Community
 - Preservation and Regional Expansion of NTCC – foundations for strong regional development
 - Mount Pleasant/Titus County Event Center – “the next big thing”??
 - New Veteran’s Administration Clinic in this region – further developing the regional healthcare system

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