**Lance Munger**

**2017 Candidate for Town of Huntersville Board of Commissioners**

**Please share a meaningful experience you had with art (visual, dance, drama, music, media arts), science or history while growing up and its impact on you.**

When I was in High School, I was given a small part in the play “The Princess and the Pea”. This helped me find my voice and changed my perception of the world around me. It also changed the perception of how others viewed me.

**What’s your vision for the town? What role, if any, does art, science and history play in advancing that vision?**

Better Schools, Better Roads, Smarter Growth.
I want to work with CMS to ensure that all children in Huntersville have an equal opportunity to receive a quality education. I would also like to see the introduction of a STEM school to the Huntersville area.

**Do you support public funding of arts, science, history, and heritage programs by your town through funding of ASC? Please explain.**

Yes, one thing that I would like to see is a more updated North Meck Cultural Action Plan, the current version I reviewed on your website is from 2004. In general, I am a supporter of the Arts & Sciences and a firm believer in the idea that a strong presence makes for a better society. As to specifics, I would enjoy the opportunity to speak to ASC further to identify goals and opportunities that you have in mind and determine what I can do to help ASC achieve them.

**A key finding in past cultural plans was the need for facilities outside of downtown Charlotte to support cultural programming and community events and programs. Would you support the continued partnership between the public and private sectors in addressing these needs and the use of public funds to support capital projects?**

Absolutely!

**National research shows that the arts and cultural sector contributes to quality of life and economic stability. What strategies would you pursue to ensure the continued vitality and growth of the creative economy in our region?**

I would push for further education funding with an emphasis on STEM. I would also welcome a plan to move forward with a public/private partnership to support cultural programming and community events.