



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2023

Compiled by Zach Hagadone, Soncirey Mitchell and Ben Olson

1. Why are you running for mayor?

2. What would be your top three priorities if elected?

3. What do you see as the No. 1 challenge facing Sandpoint, and how do you propose to address it?

4. It's no secret that many people in the community feel City Hall is disconnected from what actually affects residents and have doubts about the equitable stewardship of their town on a number of fronts. If elected, how will you speak to these concerns and chart a path forward that a majority of citizens feel is in their best interests?

Sandpoint City Council

Amelia Boyd



Age: 53

Birthplace and residence: Phoenix/
Sandpoint

How many years lived in Bonner Co.:
(did not answer)

Past/current government service (if applicable): current Sandpoint Planning and Zoning Commission member

Profession: volunteer

Education: B.A., liberal studies, CSUB

Contact info: ameliaboyd4sandpointcc@yahoo.com, Facebook: Amelia Boyd 4 Sandpoint City Council, ameliaboyd.com

1. For *you!* I care about the safety, health and welfare of all of our residents. I care about all of the issues that impact the daily lives for all families, workforce, business owners, retired community, and for our Sandpoint natives

and newcomers. I am running to bring a voice of reason and a balanced approach to all city matters. I'm a good listener, but most importantly, I'm a doer. I feel I can make a positive impact and bring a fresh perspective to our city politics.

2. a. To push fixing our failing infrastructure as a constant priority.

b. Revisiting and revamping the city's current codes relative to the downtown corridor. The sense from the community is to steer away from giant buildings that aren't cohesive to the charm of Sandpoint. Changes to city codes are needed.

c. I want to bring our community together. I want our community to feel secure with their local government and that their concerns are being addressed. Residents should not feel that their words are falling on deaf ears.

3. Keeping up with the rapid growth that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to our front doors. Our crumbling infrastructure is not equipped to sustain such growth. Funding is an issue and has not kept up with the growing list of Sandpoint's needs. Allotting

almost half of next year's budget on capital improvement projects is a step in the right direction. I will push to keep those priorities in the forefront while always taking in consideration how our residents want their tax dollars spent. In today's economy no one wants higher taxes and I have no intentions of going that route!

4. The importance of civic engagement is key in keeping a city thriving. I will encourage initiatives that support city-led, citizen-powered impact volunteering through a few different ways. I will insist the city conduct true open public forums. I will personally have monthly Councilor's Round Table discussions with residents to listen to the issues that are important to them. I will want a commission of a large variety of residents to discuss the issues facing Sandpoint. Our residents do not feel that their voices are being heard and that needs to change. I feel I can bridge that gap.