

Application for Appointment to the Sandy City Council

Applications due: 4:00 p.m. September 25, 2024 at Sandy City Hall

Date: 9/24/2024

Name: Lindy Call Hanley

Home Address: 39224 Pleasant Street, Sandy, OR 97055

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]



1. Are you a registered voter in the State of Oregon? Yes No

2. How long have you been a resident of Sandy?

(Applicant must have resided within Sandy city limits continuously for at least 12 months preceding the appointment; since at least October 21, 2023)

Month 7 Year 2018 (2010-2014)

3. Please list 3 personal or professional references who are not current City Council Members:

Name	Phone	Address
a. <u>Dennis Lane</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED] Sandy, OR 97055</u>
b. <u>Amanda Mason</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED] Sandy, OR 97055</u>
c. <u>Rae Patterson</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED] Yavaka, New Zealand 9305</u>

4. INTEREST STATEMENT: Why are you interested in serving on the City Council?

Please see attached.

5. SKILLS: What skills, interest, or experience do you possess that you believe would bring value to the City Council?

Please see attached.

6. **EMPLOYMENT:** Please describe your employment history, especially as it may relate to serving in this position.

Please see attached.

7. **PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:** Please list all previous experience relating to local, regional, or state government advisory boards, committees, or commissions.

Please see attached.

8. **VISION:** Please describe your vision for Sandy over the next 10, 20, 30 years. What are the most important opportunities our city needs to take advantage of?

Please see attached.

9. **CHALLENGES:** What are the biggest challenges facing Sandy over the next few decades, and what are some of your ideas on how to address those challenges?

Please see attached.

10. COMMITMENT: Can you commit to attending all regular City Council meetings and special meetings (including Budget Committee) during your appointment (at least 2-3 evening meetings a month) or providing timely notice in the event of an occasional absence?

Absolutely.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that no compensation will be paid by the City in connection with the services described herein. But if appointed I may receive reimbursement for eligible expenses.

I authorize the City to contact the listed references and any other contacts as may be necessary through those contacts, I release from liability my references for anything they may say about me.

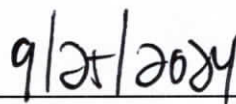
I affirm that I am a registered voter in the State of Oregon, and that I have lived within Sandy city limits continuously since at least October 21, 2023. I understand that should either of the above points be demonstrated to be untrue, my application will be rejected by the City.

I understand that I may be required to verify any information provided in this application and I specifically declare that the information provided herein is true and accurate and I have not withheld or misstated any information relative to this application.

I understand that any misrepresentation or omission, as well as any misleading statements or omissions in this application, and in any related attachments, may result in my being considered ineligible for the position to which I have applied.

By signing this application voluntarily, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and requirements as listed herein. I also understand that upon signing, this document will become a public record, will be reviewed by the City Council, and provided to the general public as part of a regular City Council Agenda packet. I agree to make myself available to be interviewed by the City Council at the regular City Council meeting to be held on October 21, 2024.


Applicant Signature


Date

Return this application to the City Recorder by 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2024 via hand delivery to Sandy City Hall, 39250 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy OR, 97055. When you submit your application, please bring your state-issued photo ID.

4. INTEREST STATEMENT: *Why are you interested in serving on the City Council?*

Growth and change lead to shifting priorities. Preserving Sandy's extensive history, promoting community engagement, increasing community literacy, boosting safety and tourism, and having a clear plan for the future are at the forefront of my concerns. Fiscal responsibility is key. Losing the pool was tough on everyone, that's where my now Sandy High varsity swimmer and her little sister learned to swim, but sometimes the tough decisions must be made. Prioritizing the new wastewater and water treatment projects isn't glamorous, but planning for and providing for our city's future is necessary. Nobody throws a parade for city counselors, it is definitely a thankless position, but it is too important to leave to the casually involved, or to those only informed by rumors or Facebook.

In 2009 my husband, 2-week-old daughter, and I moved to the mountain for an employment opportunity. After finding a spider on my toothbrush, we made the move to the sunny side of the street, Sandy. In 2010 we built our first home in the Timberline Trails neighborhood, and we welcomed our youngest daughter in 2011. While I was volunteering extensively, helping to run my church's youth program and at Sandy Grade, my husband was traveling extensively. The community was a refuge for a young mother with two small kids. The parks, the library, the Christmas tree farms, the community programming and events, the connection to its pioneering past, and the proximity to year-round skiing and surfing, provided an ideal place to raise our girls.

After a 3-year stint in New Zealand, filled with incredible experience and yes, volunteering, we chose to return to Sandy. We could not believe the growth Sandy had experienced in those short years. Though it was built before we left, the beautiful new high school now felt relevant to our growing girls, there were food trucks and a wider selection of restaurants; Sandy style had officially taken hold, and the downtown area seemed fresh and inviting. The decision to move back was easy to make. After renting for a year, we bought a historic home in the heart of Sandy's urban renewal district, and I spent 2 years restoring and preserving its details. We were once again embraced by this community and I found myself volunteering at the grade school, within the school district, at my local church in the women's program, and eventually running my church's female youth program. Most recently I've served on OTSD's Leadership Council, OTSD's Budget Committee and now work in the libraries at Boring Middle and Cedar Ridge Middle.

The challenges facing our city are matched only by the passion of those tasked with making its decisions. Each time I sit in a city council meeting, or read the minutes of a committee meeting, I'm impressed by the breadth of knowledge of Sandy's mayor and city counselors and am reminded that each decision affects Sandy's citizens. Delving into complex issues has been a mainstay of my volunteer and employment experience and I welcome the opportunity to learn, process, and apply. As someone who has chosen this city twice, I would love the chance to continue the legacy of great counselors to ensure Sandy remains a place where my girls would like to raise their families. I would be honored to serve the people of Sandy as one of its city counselors.

Lindy Call Hanley

5. SKILLS: *What skills, interest, or experience do you possess that you believe would bring value to the City Council?*

I have the ability to listen, work, and disagree without being disagreeable. I am a quick learner, able to ask questions and help build a consensus. I have the time and am willing to utilize it to read, research, ask questions, and ultimately understand the city department programs, projects, funding strategies, and needs. I have a knack for engaging community members and enlisting volunteers and I am able to consider the needs of our diverse community when considering policy.

I have a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Utah and have a passion for sharing and preserving history. In 2021 I spearheaded Sandy Grade's 90 Years Celebration, collaborating with Sandy's Historical Society, former students and administrators, and other volunteers. Some of Sandy's historic buildings are on the verge of falling victim to disrepair. I know first-hand the time, energy, and money it takes to preserve these treasures and would love to explore ways to enlist county, state, and national funding to protect these and other physical reminders of Sandy's history.

As a current middle school librarian, library and community literacy is another interest that is close to my heart. Creative solutions, such as the Sandy Library's bookmobile project, create access for our most vulnerable citizens. More collaboration between the Sandy and Hoodland libraries and local school libraries could go a long way to increase information fluency and literacy engagement throughout our community.

6. EMPLOYMENT: *Please describe your employment history, especially as it may relate to serving in this position.*

2022-current: Oregon Trail School District, Sandy, Oregon - Library Tech: Collaborate with students, teachers, media specialists, and other techs to promote community literacy through oral presentations, displays, contests, and reading challenges. This experience helps me understand the importance of our Sandy/Boring and Hoodland Libraries to the community as well as the needs of our community youth.

2019-2020, 2022: Oregon Trail School District, Sandy Oregon - Classified Substitute: Filled-in for absent grade school support staff in the office, common spaces, and classrooms during Covid-fueled staffing shortages. This experience helped me excel at thinking on my feet in uncharted waters.

2017: Wanaka Playgroup, Wanaka, New Zealand (council-supported community playgroup) - Playgroup Coordinator: Planned and shared bi-weekly songs, art, stories, and snacks for parents and toddlers while adhering to Māori language/cultural requirements. I learned the importance of respecting the historic cultures of our city's residents, that inclusivity matters, and to balance expectations with deliverables.

2007-2008: Terry Hurt Interior Design, Truckee, California (interior design firm) - Design Administrator and Office Manager: Designed for residential clients in tourist communities. Billing, accounting, marketing, and vendor/product research. I gained insights into tourist-based economies, balancing the needs of our city's residents vs. the need of visitors.

2006-2007: Cefn Hengoed Community School, Swansea, Wales, U.K. (11-16 comprehensive school) - Examination Invigilator or proctor: Oversaw and supervised national examinations while adhering to and enforcing exacting processes. I learned the importance of implementing government policy to an exacting standard, the needs for reliable and affordable public transportation (3-bus commute to work), and being mindful of vulnerable populations.

7. PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: *Please list all previous experience relating to local, regional, or state government advisory boards, committees, or commissions.*

2019-2022 OTSD Superintendent's Leadership Council, Sandy, Oregon: In monthly meetings with the superintendent, provided opinions, perspectives, clarified information, and liaised with school administration. This experience gave me an ability to consider policies and programs at a strategic level and will allow me to provide insights to our City Council and City Manager.

2020-2021 OTSD Budget Committee, Sandy, Oregon: Attended trainings and meetings, researched and asked enough questions to understand and have an informed opinion on complicated spreadsheets and budgeting procedures. This experience helped me understand the complexity of different departments providing services, city tax revenue, grants, partnerships, intergovernmental agreements, and other funding strategies that Sandy has, to ensure we can deliver city services effectively and efficiently.

2020-2022 Sandy Grade School Volunteer Coordinator, Sandy, Oregon: Created, collaborated with Sandy's Historical Society, and gathered volunteers for Sandy Grade's 90 Years celebration; solicited donations, organized volunteers and logistics for jog-a-thon fundraisers (including a Covid-constrained virtual jog-a-thon); solicited sponsors and donations, and organized logistics and volunteers for field days and other end-of-year celebrations. These experiences helped me understand the importance of partnerships, logistics, and flexibility when organizing, fundraising and staging community events, especially during an unprecedented pandemic.

2016-2018 Aspiring Gymsports Committee Member, Wanaka, New Zealand (non-profit competitive gymnastics club): Participated in quarterly committee meetings and yearly budget meetings; assisted in grant-writing process for equipment and new premises; created and organized volunteers, judges, and athletes for a multi-club gymnastics competition fundraiser; solicited donations for equipment and uniforms, acquired sponsorships for tracksuits; ordered specialized equipment and organized international delivery, created and organized volunteers for movie night fundraisers and various sausage sizzles; provided administration for 100+ members of the gymnastics club. This experience gave me insights into grants and other funding processes, complicated bureaucracy, exacting procedures and filing deadlines, and the importance of community involvement.

8. VISION: *Please describe your vision for Sandy over the next 10, 20, 30 years. What are the most important opportunities our city needs to take advantage of?*

The City of Sandy offers residents of all ages the ability to grow up in Sandy, find employment in or near Sandy, raise a family, retire, and enjoy all the amenities Sandy can offer over those life stages. All cities offer water, sewer, and roads. Our city should ensure that our staff and other service partners provide recreational amenities, neighborhood safety, a vibrant business sector, and lively opportunities for community to gather and become involved. I look forward to working with city council, city staff, and engaging my fellow community members to develop and refine those opportunities to enhance Sandy's future.

I hope I can help bring Sandy's storied history to our walkable, safe downtown, our trail systems, and our community events. By utilizing more public art, more historic markers, and partnering with Sandy's Historical Society and Parks and Recreation Department, Sandy's indigenous and pioneer heritage and history can become even more of a centerpiece and economic driver of our town. Cities like Silverton and Oregon City have capitalized on their history, improving their community identity, and increased tourism as a result.

9. CHALLENGES: *What are the biggest challenges facing Sandy over the next few decades, and what are some of your ideas on how to address those challenges?*

The biggest challenge to our city over the next few decades is obviously infrastructure. Finding ways to pay for our infrastructure needs without passing the bulk of the costs onto Sandy's citizens should be at the forefront of every discussion. Controlled, self-sustaining, intentional growth is the only option to ensure our infrastructure keeps up with our growth.

Messaging is another serious challenge. Rumors in community Facebook groups and other op-eds are not appropriate places to get facts about issues facing our city, but they are the most prolific. Creating easier to access, easier to understand informational graphics or one-pagers with links to the more significant information that could be shared on social media could have an impact on untrue storylines being passed around our community.

Losing our historic sites and buildings is another significant challenge. Connecting Sandy's history to the indigenous, pioneer and Mt. Hood National Forest history that surrounds us, would help highlight educational, economic and tourism opportunities. Exploring opportunities for county, state, and national grants could help protect aging buildings and help focus community members and tourists to these distinctive assets.