



Commission-Committee Application

Volunteer to serve on a Sandpoint City Commission, Committee or Board.

Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Sandpoint volunteer citizen commission, committee, or board. We appreciate your willingness to serve our community and look forward to reviewing your application. For more information on these boards, including membership qualifications, please see Title 2 of Sandpoint City Code.

Commission / Committee / Board Information

**I would like to serve
on the following
Commission,
Committee or
Board: *** (?)

- ☐ Planning and Zoning Commission
- ☐ Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission
- ☐ ADA Advisory Committee
- ☒ Urban Forestry Commission/Tree Committee

(At this time, applications are being accepted only for the commissions, committees and boards listed above.)

Please note that City Code Title 7, Chapter 15, Urban Forestry, is currently under review, with updates anticipated from the adopted [Urban Forestry Management Plan](#), which can be found on the City website [here](#).

**Do you have
experience and
expertise in
arboriculture or
urban forestry? ***

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Applicant Information

First Name: * Paige

Last Name: * Belfry

Phone Number: * 253_____

Ex. 208-555-5555. Please include area code.

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Residence Address: * _____ N Division Ave

Mailing Address: * Street Address

PO Box 1683

Address Line 2

City State / Province / Region

Sandpoint ID

Postal / Zip Code Country

83864 United States

Employment and Volunteer History

Please upload a copy of your resume or any additional information relevant to your application.

Upload your Resume or Curriculum Vitae * Paige E Belfry Resume 2024.pdf 24.87KB

**Please relay any
add'l information
regarding your
experience or
background and the
reason(s) you wish
to serve in this
capacity: ***

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to apply to participate in the Tree Committee as I wish to give something back to my community in a meaningful way and I see this as an opportunity to do so. I am an ISA Certified Arborist PN-9099A and am a co-owner and operator of our Arborist service in Sandpoint called Ooh La La Arboriculture and Fine Pruning, which we licensed here in 2020. I'm a qualified tree risk assessor with the ISA. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, and prior to beginning my own company have many experiences in arboriculture over the last ten years ranging from interning for the Rhododendron Species Botanic Garden, to working for an ISA Certified Arborist at a company called Clark Horticultural on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State, to working as a climbing arborist for Conservation Tree Care in Seattle, WA. I am familiar with the needs of trees in our region and how to care for these living assets properly. My background and skill set would make me an asset to the committee, to help share knowledge related to urban forestry, practicalities of tree species, diseases, and pruning needs. I am particularly interested in discussing lasting solutions for people and trees to co-exist well in our community, protect veteran trees, and promote appropriate amount and distribution of canopy cover so that our community can reap the many benefits of a healthy urban forest.

I have not attached my full resume here, as it was lost with the death of my laptop last winter and I have not had the need to recreate it. I have instead attached details that I thought would be most pertinent to the Tree Committee's mission, namely my more recent experiences since becoming a business owner and ISA Certified Arborist. If you find you would like any additional information from me, or if you require more history in my resume, please reach out to let me know what is required.

Thank you,
Paige

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2020-present

Co-owner and Operator at Ooh La La Arboriculture and Fine Pruning

Relevant Skills:

- Prune trees according to ANSI Standards with regard to tree health, function, form, and interaction with people
- Climb trees for pruning, diagnostic assessment, and rigging
- Continue learning about the new and evolving areas in arboriculture such as climate change, assisted migration of tree species to adapt to a changing climate, pest and disease issues, urban forestry needs for individual communities, quantity of canopy cover and species diversity that is appropriate to promote healthy urban communities/forests, etc.
- Advocate for the right species for the right place
- Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (2022)
- ISA Certified Arborist PN-9099A (2020)
- Diagnostic assessment of trees and shrubs with symptoms of decline
- Provide quotes to businesses and homeowners, detailing what is recommended for optimal tree health with regard to pruning needs, soil and mulch needs, water needs, tree support systems
- Providing bolting, cabling, and propping for compromised trees where trees can be maintained safely with additional support
- Educate community members about appropriate pruning for tree health and longevity
- Educate community members about malpruning which damages trees and how and why it creates hazardous structure and poorly attached branches
- Provide fruit tree pruning, a specialized style of pruning that focuses on fruit production and accessibility by managing the physiology/hormones of the tree to suppress tree stress response and promote strong structure
- Soil assessment and recommendations for improvement of soils or recommendation of species that will be best suited for specific soil types