



MEMO

To: Sandpoint City Council
FROM: Mayor Jeremy Grimm
DATE: December 18, 2024
SUBJECT: City Commission, Advisory Committee and Board Appointment(s)

In the packet for the December 18, 2024, meeting, you will find applications from William Mitchell, whom I have appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term, February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2028, as well as Carol Deaner and William Valentine, whom I have appointed to the Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission, each for a three-year term, January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027.

Carol, with professional expertise in fine art, public art, and arts education, has been a stalwart of the arts community in Sandpoint for nearly three decades, having served on and chaired the City's former Arts Commission and as president of longtime local arts organization Pend Oreille Arts Council, along with a long list of additional past volunteer roles, both in arts and otherwise, representing a variety of civic contributions.

Will Valentine, as a member of the Bonner County Historical Society Board, has a demonstrated interest in and commitment to historic preservation in Sandpoint, contributing over the past 20 years in myriad ways to document and record our community's history, from digitizing photographs to cataloguing research and archival documents and giving presentations to local service clubs.

Will Mitchell is a local real estate broker and resident of Sandpoint with a background in education, who has indicated a vested interest in the manner in which Sandpoint grows and a desire to provide a perspective that balances the views and needs of the real estate industry with the aspirations of the community to build and maintain Sandpoint as a livable, welcoming place to live and raise a family.

We are truly fortunate that these community members, with such relevant and significant experience and historical perspective, are willing to step forward and donate their time and effort to the City in this capacity, and I would appreciate your support with your confirmation of these appointments.