

CAPTURE THE VISION

The Physical Environment of Sandpoint: A Value Poll

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The Gem Team is a group of volunteer citizens committed to finding out how those who live, work, and go to school in Sandpoint see the city today and imagine it in the future. Your completion of this short survey will enable the team to "capture a vision" that represents the values of citizens of all ages and walks of life.

Thank you for your participation. **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY FORM ONLY ONE TIME.**

The Physical Environment of Sandpoint

Physical Sandpoint includes our land, air, water, plants and animals, buildings, and other resources that provide for our basic needs and as well as opportunities for social and economic development.

This survey is being conducted to sample prevailing values about **Physical Sandpoint**.

This is the first poll out of a planned four. In future polls, you will have the opportunity to react to value statements about Sandpoint's **Economic** environment, its **Leadership** environment and its **Social** environment.

Results of this poll will be tabulated and discussed at a public GEM Values Forum during Winter Carnival 2005 and be published in *The Daily Bee* and in *The River Journal*. This survey is anonymous. However, if you wish to be personally contacted with the results, please note your email address: _____

For more information about the Gem Team or this survey, call Stephen Drinkard: 255-1443.

PART I: PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

- I live, work, and/or go to school in the city of Sandpoint.
- OR: I live, work, and/or go to school in Bonner County outside the city of Sandpoint.
- OR: I am a visitor from outside Bonner County.
- I am: under 21 21-39 40-65 65 or older
- I have lived in Sandpoint: under 1 year 1-5 years 5-10 years 10-25 years over 25 years
- I am a native of Sandpoint: yes no
- I am male or female.

PART II: The following value statements are often made about Sandpoint. Please indicate your opinion by circling the number before the statement that most closely corresponds to your opinion.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Don't care
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

Values of a general nature: These values are

- 1. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint's natural beauty is central to the city's character and appeal as a place to live and visit, and it should be preserved even as the city grows.
- 2. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint's small-town atmosphere is central to the city's character and should be preserved even as the city grows.
- 3. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint's connection with Lake Pend Oreille and the Pend Oreille River is central to the city's character and should be preserved even as the city grows.
- 4. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint's healthy and attractive downtown is central to the city's character and economic health and should be preserved even as the city grows.
- 5. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint's historic homes and business structures are central to the city's character and should be preserved even as the city grows.
- 6. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint's "urban forest" of trees on residential and commercial streets is central to the city's character and community health and should be preserved even as the city grows.

Values of a specific nature

7. 1 2 3 4 5 The quality of Lake Pend Oreille's water is vital to the health of the community and must be protected.
8. 1 2 3 4 5 The quality of the Sandpoint's air is vital to the health of the community and must be protected even if it means regulations on wood stoves and slash burning.
9. 1 2 3 4 5 The level of environmental noise from aircraft, motor vehicles, machinery, watercraft, and other sources is relevant to the health and well-being of the community and must be regulated.
10. 1 2 3 4 5 The best physical design for Sandpoint is one that makes it possible for people of all income levels to live in the city by providing a mix of housing types, sizes, and prices for buyers and renters.
11. 1 2 3 4 5 The best physical design for the community is one in which the streets, buildings, signs, public areas, residential areas and other design elements compliment the natural surroundings instead of practical use being the only design element to consider.
12. 1 2 3 4 5 The best physical design for Sandpoint is one that excludes tall buildings (more than three stories) even if they save space, energy, and building materials.
13. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint would be a better place to live if the population were significantly bigger (double or more).
14. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint would be a better place to live if the population didn't change much from what it is today or grew smaller.
15. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint would be a better place to live if city government encouraged the construction of more housing inside the city limits so that fewer houses were built outside the city limits and there was more open space outside the city.
16. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint would be a better place to live if city government discouraged the construction of more housing inside the city limits and otherwise tried to limit population growth.
17. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint would be a better place to live if it had more big-city shopping and entertainment opportunities rather than a small-town character that complimented the natural environment.
18. 1 2 3 4 5 Public access to Lake Pend Oreille and the river is important to the identity and life of Sandpoint and should be protected and expanded.
19. 1 2 3 4 5 Public access to the nearby mountains is important to the identity and life of Sandpoint and should be protected and expanded.
20. 1 2 3 4 5 Downtown parking should be managed to maximize the number of spaces available to shoppers and visitors rather than to downtown employees.
21. 1 2 3 4 5 Downtown should be pedestrian friendly with good sidewalks, well-placed benches and other attractions to draw people to the city center.
22. 1 2 3 4 5 The benefits of a Sand Creek byway outweigh the drawbacks.
23. 1 2 3 4 5 New or remodeled construction of houses and businesses should be designed to blend in with the city's historic character.
24. 1 2 3 4 5 Transportation infrastructure such as streets, highways, and sidewalks should be maintained and expanded to keep up with the growth of the city even if such expansion changes the city's character.
25. 1 2 3 4 5 Traffic flow and public safety in Sandpoint would be improved if the railroads did not cross busy public streets such as Boyer but were routed over or under street level.
26. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint and its citizens need transportation alternatives such as bike trails, community-share bikes and public transportation even if they require some public funding.
27. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint and its citizens need public transportation (such as ride share, a low-cost mini-bus shuttle) within city limits even if it requires some public funding.
28. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint needs more and better sidewalks for pedestrians even if it requires some public funding.
29. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint and its citizens need expanded airport service within city limits even if it creates some public expense.
30. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint and its citizens would benefit from the expansion of parks, sports fields and other recreation facilities even if it requires public financing.
31. 1 2 3 4 5 Some park space should be preserved for people and their dogs.
32. 1 2 3 4 5 Sandpoint and its citizens would benefit from more public art in the city.

Do you want to add a value statement not listed above? If so, write it here.