

Genesee Foundation
Candidate Open Forum
Resident Questions

Board of Directors Questions

1. All Candidates – Why are you running for the Genesee Foundation Board of Directors? What are your top three priorities while serving on the Board?
2. All Candidates – What do you consider the lifestyle priorities for the Genesee Community?
3. All Candidates – In the most recent amenities survey, the hiking trails were rated number 1 amenity in Genesee. What is your position on trail usage?
4. All Candidates – Trees are growing into many of our views, which affects our enjoyment and affects property values. What would you do about this?
5. All Candidates – What is your fiscal philosophy regarding community improvements? Specifically, when faced with maintenance or replacement of existing amenities, what approach would you take to make informed decisions that represent the interests of all residents?
6. All Candidates – For community improvement projects costing over a certain dollar amount, would you support a community vote on a one-time special assessment. If so, what should that financial threshold be? If not, why not?
7. All Candidates – Over the long term, should Genesee support pickleball as an amenity for our community?

8. All Candidates – What are your views on fire mitigation in Genesee? Slash removal is an essential fire mitigation activity in Genesee. How can Genesee ensure that chipping and sawing noise does not adversely affect nearby residents?
9. All Candidates – What is your volunteer experience HERE IN GENESEE in support of the Genesee Foundation? Please elaborate on your experience on committees and working groups, as well as volunteer contributions as a trail steward, First Friday host, bluebird box monitor, etc.
10. All Candidates – Which committees are you most qualified to serve on as a Board liaison should you be elected to the Board. What can you offer to these committees.

ARC Questions

1. How would you handle a situation where a home project was in a grey zone of an ARC statute?

The governing documents, in Article VI, Section 1 (c), give the ARC a great deal of leeway in which to make its decisions. Foremost in decisions is always the requirement for improvements to conform with neighboring structures and the natural topography of the surrounding environment.

2. How would you respond if you personally felt like a home project being submitted was not a good improvement for the neighborhood, all on the Board agree with you, but it technically did not break ARC standards?

All ARC decisions are a result of a vote of at least a quorum of ARC members. That means at least three members must vote in favor, or

not, of the project. The Board and the ARC are independent of one another; the Board does not vote on ARC projects. It would be highly unusual for this scenario to occur and I cannot recall such an occurrence in my time on this committee.

- 3. What are your specific skills in conflict management? What are some bad habits you know you have in conflict management and how will you manage those in this position?**

I have served on this committee for three years; some decisions have been met with resistance. It is my intent, and that of the other committee members, that all projects are approached with an attitude of “how do we get to yes” rather than merely saying “no”. We, and I specifically, continue to strive for compromise whenever possible. This means person-to-person meetings, on-site meetings with all parties involved in a difficult decision, entire committee review (not just one member). My understanding of my personal conflict management difficulties often leads me to ask another ARC member to handle these difficult situations. I am able to take a step back and do not need to be in charge always. Understanding the abilities of the other team members has produced an ARC that has greatly increased the positive impressions this community now has of this committee.