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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Jourdan Keith		**X Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ☐ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: South	**Zip Code:** 98118	**Contact Phone No.:**
Appointed to: Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee		**Date of Appointment:** January, 2013
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ord. 122749		**Term of Office:** **From:** Confirmation **To:** December 31, 2014

Background:

Jourdan Keith is the founder and director of the Urban Wilderness Project. The Project is a community organization providing environmental and cultural service learning programs for youth. Ms. Keith believes connecting to the natural world is critical to restoring communities, reducing domestic violence, building relationships, and acknowledging and healing historical injustices. She is a graduate of the University of Washington's Restoration Ecology Network program and a long term volunteer for the Green Seattle Partnership in the Duwamish Greenbelt near her home. Ms Keith is a member of the Board of Park Commissioners and will be the Park Board representative on the Committee.

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Authorizing Signature:	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:** *Mayor Mike McGinn*

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Jourdan Keith, Founder and Director

Previously voted Seattle Poet Populist, Jourdan has been featured in the Seattle Times http://www.seattlepoetpopulist.org/docs/Jourdan_Keith_SeaTimes_feature_2007.06.pdf, Seattle Magazine, Seattle Woman and ColorsNW.

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Proven supervisory and leadership skills with a demonstrated ability to build cooperative relationships. Thirteen years of experience as an educator including six seasons of wilderness trip leadership. Over nine years experience creating, planning and organizing activities and workshops. Environmental Restoration Project lead for UW Restoration Ecology Network, project management, trail building and natural restoration experience for Seattle Parks and Recreation, North Cascades National Park and USFS.

Poet, Storyteller, and Teaching Artist

Ms. Keith was 2006-2007 Seattle Poet Populist and a 2006 Jack Straw Writer. A student of Sonia Sanchez, she is a poet, naturalist, educator, and storyteller. Her poetry and stories blend the textures of political, personal and natural landscapes to offer voices from the margins of American lives. She was awarded an individual artists grant from the City of Seattle Mayor's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs in 2004 for the writing and performance of her choreopoem, The Uterine Files: Episode I, Voices Spitting Out Rainbows. She was 2005-2007 Writer-in-Residence with Seattle Arts and Lectures. She was a 2001 Writer-in-Residence at the Cottages at Hedgebrook, and a teaching artist for Book-It Repertory Theater, Powerful Schools and the Nature Consortium. Her poems, essays and articles have appeared in magazines, and newspapers, as well as on the radio, television and in video, including, when it rains from the ground up, the anthology, Ma-Ka, Diasporic Juks. (Sister Vision Press).

"Umbilical Topography", a collection of new works was released in 2007.

Outdoor Leadership

Ms. Keith is the founder and director of Urban Wilderness Project and a co-founder of Urban Wilderness Foundation. A 2001 NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) graduate, she is committed to increasing access to the outdoors to youth and adults. She is certified as a Wilderness First Responder by WMA. She has led numerous backcountry wilderness trips for high school students and day hikes for middle school and adult participants. A former Recreation Supervisor in Yellowstone National Park, she is comfortable creating safe, enjoyable outdoor experiences for all ages.

Naturalist and Environmental Educator

Ms. Keith served as the Lead Outdoor Environmental Educator for YMCA Camp Orkila on Orcas Island where she developed curriculum, taught classes, created activities, and planned lessons in map and compass, wilderness preparedness, sustainable living, forest, marine and fresh water ecology. It was here that she began to incorporate storytelling as a teaching tool.

She facilitated the climbing wall, low and high ropes courses for 3rd-8th graders and drug rehabilitation and at-risk urban youth.

She developed materials and curriculum for outdoor living skills and sustainable living programs and adapted the environmental science program to suit Home School students in K-6th grades.

Her work as an Environmental Specialist for the 7 Teepees Program in California gave her an opportunity to develop a program for Oakland youth traveling to the forest for the first time. Again, she incorporated storytelling and exploration as a way for reluctant campers to discover the natural world.

Restoration and Trailwork Experience
Ms. Keith's passion for building and healing human communities and ecological communities go hand in hand. She has worked to restore the West Duwamish Greenbelt as a naturalist and lead through the University of Washington's Restoration Ecology Network, Urban Wilderness Project and the Nature Consortium. She brings her knowledge of ecosystems and certification as a Washington Native Plant Steward to the project planning and maintenance of restoration sites.

She combines her work skills training from both the US Forest Service and Student Conservation Association to assess usability and construction needs.

Ms. Jourdan has been a member of the Seattle Board of Park Commissioners since May 2009 and is its representative to the Atlantic City Nursery Site Request for Proposals Review Committee.

Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee

16members: Per Ord. 122749 all subject to City Council confirmation, 3- year terms

- *8* Appointed by City Council
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2	M	1	Bruce Bentley	4/21/09	12/31/13	1	Citizen Committee Rep	Mayor
6	M	2	William Brosseau	4/21/09	12/31/13	1	At large	Mayor
6	M	3	Dennis Canty	4/21/09	12/31/13	1	At large	Mayor
6	M	4	David Boyd	1/2/13	12/31/14	1	At large	Mayor
6	M	5	Rossi Maddalena	1/2/13	12/31/14	1	At large	Mayor
6	F	6	Donna Hartmann-Miller	12/6/10	12/31/13	1	At Large	City Council
2	F	7	Stephanie Johnson-Toliver	1/2/13	12/31/14	1	At-large	Mayor
6	F	8	Shanon Kearney	4/21/09	12/31/14	2	At large	Mayor
2	F	9	Jourdan Keith	1/2/13	12/31/14	1	Park Board representative	Mayor
1	F	10	Sharon Lee	3/18/09	12/31/14	2	At large	City Council
6	M	11	Michael Maddux	12/6/10	12/31/13	1	At large	City Council
1	F	12	Joyce Pisnanont	12/6/10	12/31/13	1	At large	City Council
6	M	13	Dorsol Plants	3/18/09	12/31/14	1	At large	City Council
6	F	14	Beth Purcell	3/18/09	12/31/14	2	At large	City Council
6	M	15	Pete Spalding	3/18/09	12/31/14	2	Citizen Committee Rep	City Council
2	M	16	Alec Stephens	3/18/09	12/31/14	2	At large	City Council

*Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	5	3	0	3		3				
Council	5	3	0	3	2	1				
Other Bodies										
Total	*10*	*6*	*0*	*6*	*2*	*4*				

***Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability*