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City of Seattle Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Marcus T. Pearson</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Ballard</i>	Zip Code: <i>98117</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>	
Appointed to: <i>Pioneer Square Preservation Board – Attorney</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>8/29/13</i>	
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>Ord. 120914</i>		Term of Office: From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>3/1/2016</i>	
Background: <p><i>Marcus Pearson is an attorney for Cascadia Law Group PLLC since 2012. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Washington School of Law with a concentration in environmental law and has particular expertise in permitting and the regulatory process. He has served on many boards, is fluent in Spanish and is a skilled mediator.</i></p> <p><i>Marcus has a longstanding and deep appreciation for historic preservation. While attending Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Marcus lived in an historic part of Mexico City that was built in the 16th Century. He chose that neighborhood specifically because of the sense of history there and how different it was from the more modern neighborhoods that surround it.</i></p> <p><u>Partial list of Marcus' community work and awards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sherman David Specter Award for Most Outstanding History Honors Thesis</i> • <i>John H. Turner Prize for Latin American Studies</i> • <i>Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar (Dean's List)</i> • <i>Bowdoin Outing Club Treasurer</i> • <i>Associate Editor-in-Chief, Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal</i> • <i>Co-President, Center for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Washington</i> 			
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: <i>Mike McGinn, Mayor</i>	

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Marcus T. Pearson

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Cascadia Law Group, PLLC

Attorney

Seattle, Washington
November 2012 - Present

- Represent municipal and private clients throughout the state and federal permitting process, including administrative challenges, permit renewals, and negotiated settlements
- Represent potentially responsible parties at multi-party hazardous waste sites and in negotiations with federal and state regulatory agencies over cleanup obligations
- Advise clients on water rights transactions and permitting, including the state trust water rights program
- Participate in long-range strategic environmental and climate change policy on behalf of multi-party stakeholder groups and public-interest conservation clients, including providing state and federal statutory and regulatory advice

Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim

Summer Associate

Seattle, Washington
June 2011 - September 2011

- Drafted and edited correspondence, discovery, and proposed orders for tribal natural resources law firm with national reach
- Researched and wrote memoranda analyzing tribal clients' rights and responsibilities vis-a-vis tribal sovereignty, sovereign immunity, tribal water rights, and federal and state environmental laws, including the Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Contributed to settlement negotiations and participated in client meetings for both tribal and pro bono clients

Landesa (formerly Rural Development Institute)

Research Associate

Seattle, Washington
June 2010 - December 2010

- Produced working document evaluating and commenting on current property law and land tenure issues in central America, sub-Saharan Africa, India, and China; final product helped guide Landesa's policy and programmatic scope
- Analyzed comparative property laws; researched indigenous forest land management and property rights; synthesized recent multilateral development agreements; edited articles for publication
- Redeveloped curriculum for UW Law School's "Legal Problems in Economic Development" Fall 2010 seminar

Western Justice Associates, PLLC

Legal Assistant

Bozeman, Montana
September 2008 - September 2009

- Led discovery review on multiple suits for a law firm that represents plaintiffs in industrial pollution, medical malpractice, and environmental justice cases
- Drafted and edited legal briefs, motions, demand letters, discovery, and other pertinent correspondence

Beartooth Capital Partners

Office and Partner Relations Manager; Project Associate

Bozeman, Montana
January 2007 - October 2008

- Managed day-to-day operations of innovative ranchland conservation investment fund; facilitated communications among landowners, partner non-profit organizations, independent consultants, government agencies, investors, and team members
- Conducted ranch real-estate research and market analysis to identify projected financial return and conservation success

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law

Juris Doctor, Concentration in Environmental Law

Seattle, Washington
June 2012

- Associate Editor-in-Chief, *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal*, 2011-2012
- Law Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 2011: research focus centered on compliance and enforcement of Federal environmental statutes throughout Pacific Northwest
- Research Assistant, 2010: translated and cite-checked article on water resource use and conflict in the U.S. Southwest, published as Gregory A. Hicks & Devon G. Peña, *Normas conflictivas en la lucha por una gobernanza comunitaria en las acequias de la cuenca del Alto Rio Grande, Estados Unidos*, in *JUSTICIA HÍDRICA* (Rutgerd Boelens et al. eds., 2011)

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

Postgraduate Research, Political Science and Environmental Ethics

Mexico City, Mexico
December 2006

Bowdoin College

B.A. in History and Latin American Studies, Cum Laude

Brunswick, Maine
May 2005

- Awards: Sherman David Specter Award for Most Outstanding History Honors Thesis, 2004-05
John H. Turner Prize for Distinction in Latin American Studies, 2004-05

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Admitted to practice in Washington (Bar No. 45444)
- Member, Washington State Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Law Section
- Member, King County Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Law Section
- Independent Consultant, Climate Change Law and Public Transportation Policy, Brazil, 2012
- Board of Directors, Los Cimientos Alliance & K'aslem Mandala Project, 2006 – 2009

PUBLICATIONS AND INTERESTS

- Publications: Author, "Chile's Environmental Laws and the HidroAysén Northern Patagonia Dams Megaproject: How is This Project Sustainable Development?" 41 Denver J. of Int'l L. & Pol'y (forthcoming, Summer 2013); Co-Author, "Harmonizing with CISG", LATIN LAWYER (Oct. 23, 2012)
- Language and Travel: Fluent in Spanish, conversational in Portuguese; significant time living, studying, and working in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, and Mexico; volunteer with Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense

Pioneer Square Preservation Board – Hist.

August 2013

10 Members (including a resident): Per Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 23.66.110, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council, 3-year terms

- Two architects,
- Two district property owners,
- One district retail business owner,
- One attorney,
- One human services representative,
- One at-large member,
- One historian or architectural historian, and
- One Get Engaged member.

D*	G	Name	Appointed	Term Expires	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	F	Jacque Gruber	8/15/13	9/1/14	1	Get Engaged	Mayor
6	M	Dean Kralios	4/2/12	3/1/15	1	Architect	Mayor
2	M	Willie Parrish,	12/30/12	3/1/15	2	Human Services Rep.	Mayor
6	M	Ryan Hester	12/30/10	3/1/13	2	At-Large Member	Mayor
6	F	Miriam Hinden	1/3/11	3/1/13	2	Architect	Mayor
6	F	Tija Petrovich	1/3/11	3/1/13	2	Retail Business Owner	Mayor
6	M	Mark Astor	6/3/11	3/1/14	1	Property Owner	Mayor
6	F	Ann Brown	11/1/11	3/1/14	2	Property Owner, Residential	Mayor
6	F	Amanda Bennett	2/2/13	3/1/14	2	Architectural Historian	Mayor
6	M	Marcus Pearson	8/29/13	3/1/16	1	Attorney	Mayor

***Diversity**

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latino/a	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	5	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Council										
Other Bodies										
Total	5	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8

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