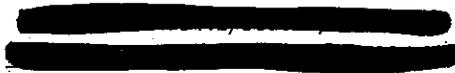


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Notice of Appointment**

<b>Name:</b> <i>Donna Kostka</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Ravenna</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98115</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>No business phone</i>
<b>Appointed to:</b> <i>Urban Forestry Commission Position #2 (Urban Ecologist)</i>		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <i>March 18, 2014</i>
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b> <i>S.M.C. 3.14.920</i>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From:</b> <i>March 18, 2014</i> <b>To:</b> <i>December 1, 2016</i>
<p><b>Background:</b></p> <p><i>Donna Kostka is an "urban ecologist" in its broadest sense. She has a PhD with a major in outdoor recreation planning and a minor in ecology. Her professional experience spans 19 years with the federal government in five different agencies, starting in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and retiring from the National Park Service. Donna's career includes being adjunct professor at Antioch University Seattle, where she taught environmental policy, regulation, and law.</i></p> <p><i>Donna is an active volunteer. She recently completed three years on the Seattle Board of Park Commissioners, and she is a board member of the Heron Habitat Helpers (HHH), which she co-founded 12 years ago.</i></p> <p><i>Donna brings a rich and diverse view that will be an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission. She is being appointed for a three-year term ending December 1, 2016.</i></p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:</b> <i>Mayor Ed Murray</i>

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## Donna Kostka, PhD



**GOAL:** To be selected for the 3-year volunteer position of "Urban Ecologist" on the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission and help achieve the City's canopy goals.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF VOLUNTEERING:** Three years on the Seattle Board of Park Commissioners advocating new wildlife sanctuary and native plant policies; Co-Founder and 11-year board member of Heron Habitat Helpers (HHH,) restoring 18 acre Kiwanis Ravine; two years board member of Starflower Foundation, re-introducing native habitats to selected Seattle parks; three years Membership Co-Chair on the board of the National Association of Environmental Professionals; two years Co-Chair of Sunset Hill Elementary School PTA committee designing and organizing the restoration of a 20 acre gravel pit adjacent to the school into a school nature center with five habitats.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF CAREER:** Five terms adjunct professor for Antioch University Seattle teaching "environmental policy, regulation, and law;" three years as national coordinator for community trails for National Park Service in Washington, DC; five years as public use coordinator covering 30 national wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries in eight states for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### EDUCATION:

- O Native Plant Steward Training, 2000, Washington Native Plant Society
- O Department Manager Development Training, Department of Interior, 1985-6
- O PhD in Outdoor Recreation Planning and Ecology, U. of Minnesota, 1975
- O MS in Park and Recreation Administration, U. of Illinois, 1958
- O BS in Journalism, U. of Illinois, 1956

**INTERESTS:** Watercolor painting, Seattle urban sketching, bird watching, native plant gardening, yoga.

### REFERENCES:

Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation,  
[christopher.williams@seattle.gov](mailto:christopher.williams@seattle.gov), W: 206.684.4136

Sue Gillespie, President, HHH, [sgillespie@frause.com](mailto:sgillespie@frause.com), H: 206.498.5072.

Catherine Hovanic, Executive Director, Washington Native Plant Society, [wnps@wnps.org](mailto:wnps@wnps.org), W:  
206.527.3210.

**TIMING:** After a 3-week vacation in Europe October 13 through November 1, I have nothing on my calendar preventing full participation.

## Urban Forestry Commission

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*Nine (9) Commission members: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms*

- 4 Appointed by City Council
- 4 Appointed by Mayor
- 1 Appointed by

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	M	1	Steve Zemke	2-11-14	12-01-16	1 <sup>st</sup>	1: Wildlife Biologist	Council
6	M	2	Donna Kostka	2-11-14	12-01-16	1 <sup>st</sup>	2: Urban Ecologist	Mayor
6	M	3	Dr. Gordon Bradley	12-01-09	12-01-15	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3: Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Council
6	F	4	Peg Staeheli	11-02-09	12-01-14	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4: Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Mayor
6	M	5	Leif Fixen	05-23-12	12-01-14	1 <sup>st</sup>	5: Arborist	Council
6	M	6	Tom Early	07-08-11	12-01-14	1 <sup>st</sup>	6: Landscape Architect	Mayor
6	M	7	VACANT				7: NGO Representative	Council
6	M	8	Jeff Reibman	11-02-09	12-01-15	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8: Development Community or Utility Representative	Mayor
6	M	9	Erik Rundell	2-11-14	12-01-16	1 <sup>st</sup>	9: Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor or Similar Professional	Commission

### \*Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
<b>Mayor</b>	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Council</b>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Other Bodies</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

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