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**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: <i>Osama Quotah, AIA</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Columbia City</i>	Zip Code: <i>98118</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>206-331-5261</i>
Appointed to: <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>January 14, 2011</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>Ordinance # 116909</i>		Term of Office: From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>March 1, 2013</i>
Comments: <i>New appointment to the Seattle Design commission for a two year term filling the architect position.</i>		
Authorizing Signature: <i>Michael McGinn</i>		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mayor Michael McGinn

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	Against:	Date:
Attested by:		Title:



DESIGN COMMISSION, SEATTLE

January 2011

Ten members:

Appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the City Council who serve a term of two years (*may be reappointed once*)

- 2 Licensed Architects
- 1 Fine Artist
- 1 Member at Large

And at least 1 and no more than 2 from the following categories:

- Professional Urban Planner
- Professional Environmental or Urban Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Licensed Engineer

plus

- 1 Get Engaged participant (City/YMCA program)

All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation.

(Chair is also appointed by Mayor for a *one-year* term, confirmed by City Council.)

D	Member	Term #	Term Ends	Position
(6) M	Thomas Nelson	1	2012 Mar-1	Architect
(5) F	Osama Quotah	1	2013 Mar-1	Architect
(1) F	Norie Sato	2	2012 Mar-1	Fine Artist
(6) F	Julie Parrett	2	2013 Mar-1	Landscape Architect
(6) F	Laurel Kunkler	1	2012 Mar-1	Licensed Engineer (Civil)
(6) M	Andrew Barash	2	2013 Mar-1	Licensed Engineer (Transportation)
(6) M	Graham Black	2	2013 Mar-1	Member at Large (Developer)
(6) M	Don Vehige	1	2012 Mar-1	Urban Designer
(6) F	Julie Bassuk	1	2012 Mar-1	Chair; Urban Planner
(2) F	Malika Kirkling	only	2011 Sep-30	Get Engaged Member (1 year term)

(sorted by position,, term end date and name)

Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian- American	(2) African- American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native- American	(5) Middle East	(6) Caucasian
<i>Mayor</i>	4	6	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	7

EDUCATION

- 1999 Master of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania,
Graduate School of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1996 Bachelor of Art in Architecture, University of Washington,
College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Seattle, Washington

**PROFESSIONAL
REGISTRATION**

- Architect Registered in Washington, 2003
- USGBC LEED Accredited Professional

**PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE**

- Present– **Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, Ltd.**, Seattle, Washington
2001 Senior Associate Architect
- 2001– **Amar Center for Architecture**, Boston, Massachusetts
1999 Designer/ Project Manager
- 1998– **Bumgardner Architects**, Seattle, Washington
1997 Designer
- 1996 **MENG and Associates Architects**, Seattle, Washington
Designer
- 1994 **Gensler and Associates Architects**, Washington D.C.
Designer

**SELECT PROJECT
EXPERIENCE***Cultural Centers, Museums & Community Architecture*

House of Knowledge, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Targeting LEED Gold
Project Architect

Northwest Native Canoe Center, Lake Union Park, Seattle, Washington
Targeting LEED Gold
Project Manager/ Project Architect

OSU–Native American Cultural Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
Project Manager/ Project Architect

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, Palm Springs, California
Project Architect

Monterey Hotel Renovation: Chief Seattle Club and Live/Work Lofts, Seattle, Washington
LEED Silver
Project Architect

Islamic Cultural Center and Elementary School, Boston, Massachusetts
Project Manager/ Designer

International Medical Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Project Designer

**SELECT PROJECT
EXPERIENCE, CON'T.**

Environmental Education Centers & Learning Places

Hanford Reach Interpretive Center, Richland, Washington

Targeting LEED Silver
Project Architect

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Bellevue, Washington

LEED Gold
Designer

"Tiny Tot Nature Spot" Environmental Education Center, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio, Texas

LEED Certified
Project Architect

Treehouse and Education and Learning Center, Caldwell Zoo, Tyler, Texas

Designer

Place-based Restoration and Conservation-based Development

Al Ain Wildlife Park & Resort Master Plan, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Project Manager/ Project Architect

Abu Dhabi National Botanical Garden Concept Design, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Project Manager/ Project Architect

Al Ain Wildlife Park & Resort: Conservation & Breeding Center Programming & Strategic Plan,

Al Ain, United Arab Emirates
Project Manager

Al Ain Wildlife Park & Resort: World Desert Habitat Design, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Project Manager/ Project Architect

The Confluence Project—Vancouver Land Bridge, Vancouver, Washington:

Project Architect

Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat and Conference Center, Leavenworth, Washington

Designer

Campo Gorilla Reserve, Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, California

Project Architect

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS,
LECTURES, SPEECHES
& FORUMS**

- 2010 Guest Lecturer: Architecture in the Landscape "Designing for Communities"
University of Washington, College of Built Environments, Seattle, Washington
- 2006 Team Facilitator: Open Space 2100—Green Futures Charette: "Lake Washington Watershed,"
Seattle, Washington
- 1999 Teaching Assistant: University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School
of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Lecturer: "Cultural and Sustainable Lessons in Arid Climates: Regional Materials and
Methods in Middle Eastern Landscape and Building Design,"
University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AWARDS AND
HONORS

- 2010 Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Bellevue, Washington
American Society of Landscape Architects, Washington Chapter - Honor Award
- Monterey Hotel – Chief Seattle Club, Seattle, Washington
Masonry Institute of Washington - Merit Award, Restoration
- 2009 Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Bellevue, Washington
American Institute of Architecture, Seattle Chapter - Honor Award
- The Confluence Project, Vancouver, Washington
The Waterfront Center - Top Honor Award
- 2008 The Confluence Project–Vancouver Land Bridge,
Daily Journal of Commerce Oregon - Transportation Award
- 2007 Hanford Reach Interpretive Center, Richland, Washington
American Institute of Architecture, Seattle Chapter - What Makes it Green?, Unbuilt Category
- 2006 "Tiny Tot Nature Spot" Environmental Education Center, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio, Texas
Association of Zoos and Aquariums - Significant Achievement Award
- 2003 Campo Gorilla Reserve, Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, California
City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission - Architectural Excellence Award
- 1998 David Lukens Bockius, Jr. Award for Study in Japan,
University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1995 Pio Prize Award for Study in Rome,
University of Washington, College of Architecture & Urban Planning, Seattle, Washington



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MEMORANDUM

Date January 14, 2011

To The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

From Mayor Michael McGinn *MM*

Subject **Mayoral Appointments to the Seattle Design Commission**

I am happy to forward to the City Council the following appointments to the Seattle Design Commission. The new appointments are to the two Architect positions. The terms of the architects will end on March 1, 2012 and March 1, 2013, respectively. They carry with them the possibility of renewal.

In addition, I am appointing Julie Bassuk Chair for a one-year term ending March 1, 2012.

Name	Term Ends	Position	Succeeding
Thomas Nelson	03-01-12	Architect	Brendan Connolly
Osama Quotah	03-01-13	Architect	Mary Johnston
Julie Bassuk	03-01-12	Chair	Mary Johnston

The Seattle Design Commission is charged with design and environmental review of all capital improvement projects in the City of Seattle – those constructed on city land, with city dollars, or in city right of way. Design excellence in the public realm is a key concern for the Commission, as is the wise allocation of public resources.

The Commission was established in 1968 and is currently composed of ten members (SMC 3.58.030, Ordinance #116909): Two Licensed Architects, one Fine Artist, one Member at Large, one Get Engaged program participant and at least one and no more than two from the following categories: Professional Urban Planner, Professional Environmental or Urban Designer, Landscape Architect, and Licensed Engineer.

All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Seattle Design Commission including the new appointees.

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The appointment bios for the appointees follow:

Architects:

Thomas Nelson is a principal at Mithun. He has over 25 years of experience as an architect designing major projects, with a focus on civic buildings. He's a nationally recognized expert on sustainable design. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science from Kent State University.

He has incredible depth of green building knowledge from big ideas down to the nuts and bolts. He served on the Cascadia board, worked on outreach within diverse communities in Los Angeles to ensure their input on the design of criminal justice facilities, and has worked with disabilities experts on his projects.

Osama Quotah is a senior associate architect at Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, Ltd. He is LEED accredited and has led the design of museums, cultural centers, parks and civic spaces. His focus is on sustainability, cultural sensitivity, and community-based design solutions. He holds a Masters of Architecture from University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Art in Architecture from the University of Washington.

His philosophy is to connect architecture and design to culture and place. He has experience on professional panels, and has managed projects where multiple government agencies were involved. Green principles guide his work, whether projects are LEED certified or not, and he encourages agencies to push the envelope in this respect.

Chair:

Julie Bassuk is a partner with the firm MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design. Her experience has focused on land use, neighborhood and facility planning for cities, port districts and federal agencies.

She has worked with stakeholders on station area planning, assisted cities in reevaluating land use policies, and contributed to a number of waterfront planning processes. Development economics and real estate are areas she has particular knowledge in. Julie is LEED certified and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She took part in the University of Washington Commercial Real Estate Certificate Program, and she has a Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts Honors Program, Urban Issues Focus, from the University of Texas, Austin.

Attachments: Notice of appointments
Resumes
Current roster

Copy: Valerie Kinast, Coordinator, Design Commission
Marshall Foster, Planning Director, Department of Planning and Development
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Tania María Rosario, Boards and Commissions