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City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Meredith Wirsching</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>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>206.782.8208</i>
Appointed to: Landmarks Preservation Board		Date of Appointment:
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>SMC 25.12</i>		Term of Office From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>August 15, 2013</i>
Comments: <i>Re-appointment, Historian.</i>		
Authorizing Signature: <i>Mike McGinn</i>		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mayor Mike McGinn

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

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



MEREDITH A. WIRSCHING

Education

University of Washington, Master of Architecture
with Certificate in Historic Preservation

Virginia Tech, Bachelor of Architecture

Registrations

Registered Architect, Washington and Virginia
NCARB Certified

Community Service

Ballard Historical Society, Trustee, 2000-2007
Special Projects Committee, 1996-2000

Arts Ballard, Vice President, 2001-2002
Secretary 1996-2001

Teaching Experience

University of Washington, Studio Instructor and
Critic

Professional Experience

Meredith Wirsching has over 18 years of experience as a designer and architect for a range of institutional, government, commercial and residential projects. She is experienced in renovation as well as new construction. She has a particular interest in historic preservation and adaptive reuse of historic structures. Her preservation expertise includes a knowledge of administrative processes as well as building technology.

As a partner at Clark Design Group, Ms. Wirsching has been actively involved in the renovation of the Medical Dental Building, several buildings in Seattle's Pioneer Square Preservation District as well as a major renovation of the St. Martin's College main campus building. She has worked with local, state and national preservation agencies.

Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse Projects

INS Building Renovation, Seattle

Tax credit consultation for the redevelopment of a 77,000 sf former immigration and assay office into multi-tenant offices. Services include preparation of tax credit application and coordination with local, state and national preservation agencies.

Medical Dental Building Renovation, Seattle

Redevelopment of a 300,000 sf highrise medical office building, including common area improvements, tenant improvements, lobby renovation and atrium addition. Project included architectural design as well as preparation of successful applications for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and as a City of Seattle Landmark. The building qualified for historic preservation tax credits and King County special tax valuation.

OK Hotel Mixed-Use Historic Renovation, Seattle

Redevelopment of a 40,000 sf heavy timber and masonry hotel building into 44 units of affordable housing with retail and artist studio spaces. Project received historic preservation and low income housing tax credits, as well as a King County special tax valuation.

Buttnick and City Loan Buildings Renovation, Seattle

Renovation and joining of two masonry and heavy timber commercial buildings with conversion of ground floor and basement spaces into a 17,000 sf night club. Project received historic preservation tax credits and a King County special tax valuation.

211 First Avenue South Building Renovation, Seattle

Renovation of a three-story masonry commercial building into artist studios and residential units. Project received historic preservation tax credits and a King County special tax valuation.

Saint Martin's College, Lacey, Washington

Renovation and addition to the college's historic 123,000 sf main campus building.

1300 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC

Major exterior and interior renovation of a 1950's ten-story concrete frame office building in the city's Dupont Circle neighborhood.

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD

January 2011

12 members: All appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council

- 11 members serve a term of 3-years
- 1 member, selected a part of the Get Engaged program, serves one term of 1-year

D	Name	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Term #	Position	Appointing Authority
(0) M	Christine Howard	6-18-07	8-15-11	1 st Full Term	At- Large	Mayor
(0) F	Mark Hannum	4-26-05	8-15-11	2 nd	At-Large	Mayor
(0) F	Steve Savage	2-17-09	8-15-11	1 st	Structural Engineer	Mayor
(0) F	Betsy Jacobson	10-12-10	9-1-11	Only	Get Engaged	Get Engaged, Mayor
(0) M	Elaine Wine	11-16-09	8-15-12	2 nd	Architect	Mayor
(0) M	Jerry Finrow	12-14-09	8-15-12	1 st	Planning Commission	Mayor
(0) F	Marie Strong	12-17-07	8-15-12	2 nd	Real Estate	Mayor
(0) F	Patrick King	11-16-09	8-15-12	1 st	At-Large	Mayor
(0) M	Aaron Luoma	1-07-11	8-15-13	1 st	Historian	Mayor
(0) M	Alison Walker Brems	1-07-11	8-15-13	1 st	Architect	Mayor
(0) M	Jeffery Murdock	1-07-11	8-15-13	1 st	Finance	Mayor
(0) F	Meredith Wirsching	2-17-09	8-15-13	2 nd	Historian	Mayor

(sorted by appt auth, term end date and name)

Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latina	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	6	5	1							
Council										
Other Bodies										
<i>Total</i>	6	5	1							



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MEMORANDUM

CITY CLERK

Date January 7, 2011
To The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council
From Mayor Michael McGinn *MM*
Subject **Mayoral Appointments to the Landmarks Preservation Board**

The Landmarks Preservation Board makes recommendations to the City Council for landmark designation and reviews all proposed physical alterations to designated features of landmark properties. The Board was established in 1973 and is composed of twelve members consisting of: two architects, two historians, one structural engineer, one representative each from the fields of real estate and finance, one member from the City Planning Commission, a Get Engaged member, and three members at-large. The terms of the new appointees will end on August 15, 2013. They carry with them the possibility of renewal.

I am happy to forward to the City Council the following appointments and reappointment to the Landmarks Preservation Board. The re-appointment is to an Historian position. The new appointments are to the Architect, Historian, and Finance positions.

Name	Term Ends	Position	Succeeding
Alison Walker Brems	08-15-13	Architect	Vernon Abelsen
Aaron Luoma	08-15-13	Historian	Thomas Veith
Jeffrey Murdock	08-15-13	Finance	Vacant
Meredith Wirsching	08-15-13	Historian	Re-appointment

The appointment bios for appointees are as follows:

Alison Walker Brems has 16 years of experience as a designer and architect. In addition to her experience working on such public projects as the South Park and Capitol Hill libraries, she also has worked on many single family homes ranging from early twentieth century mansions to small craftsman bungalows. Ms. Walker Brems was an active member of Docomomo WEWA (Documentation and Conservation of the Modern Movement, Western WA), contributing to tours and articles on Pacific Northwest modern architecture. Her appreciation and knowledge of historic building materials and her attention to detail will be an asset to the Board.

Aaron Luoma is a practicing landscape architect, with a special interest in landscape history. He has worked for HBB Landscape Architecture since 2006, focusing on public projects in Seattle and the Western Washington area. Mr. Luoma served as the Get-Engaged member for the Landmarks Preservation Board during 2009-10. His knowledge of plant materials, landscape design and history has been incredibly useful when the Board has reviewed various Seattle Parks Department projects, as well as privately owned landmarks that include site features.

Jeffrey Murdock is a freelance designer, while also pursuing his own small-scale development projects. Prior to receiving his Master of Architecture degree in 2004, Mr. Murdock had a long career in finance, managing a business along with its real estate portfolio. He has been an active volunteer with both *Architects Without Borders* and *4-H Youth Development Program*. Mr. Murdock's experience developing budgets, pro-forma analysis for development projects, and tracking construction budgets will be an asset to the Board.

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Attachments: Notice of appointment(s)
Resume(s)
Current roster

Copy: Sarah Sodt, Board Coordinator, Department of Neighborhoods
Elizabeth Chave, Board Coordinator, Department of Neighborhoods
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Tania María Rosario, Boards and Commissions