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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Jacob Struiksma		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Bitter Lake	Zip Code: 98113	Contact Phone No.: 206-387-7736
Appointed to: Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board		Date of Appointment: March 22, 2011
Authority (Ord., Res.): Resolution 29532		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: March 22, 2011 April 1, 2013
Comments: New appointment		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Tom Rasmussen, Councilmember

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

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



Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
Roster (Pending Confirmation)

April 1, 2011

Eleven total Board members plus one Get Engaged youth member
 Six appointed by Mayor
 Five appointed by City Council

Name	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Term Currently Serving	Appointing Authority	Position / Notes
Devor Barton	4-1-11	4-1-13	1st	City Council	
Katherine Fountain-Mackinnon	4-1-11	4-1-13	1st	City Council	
Jacob Struiksma	4-1-11	4-1-13	1st	City Council	
Mike Cechvala	4-1-11	4-1-13	1st	Mayor	
Betty Arens	3-4-10	3-4-12	1st	Mayor	
Greg Brey	9-1-10	9-1-11	1st	Get Engaged— Mayor	
Mark Landreneau	3-4-10	3-4-12	1st	Mayor	
Jen Calleja	3-4-10	3-4-12	1st	City Council	
Seth Schromen-Wawrin	3-4-09	4-1-13	2nd	Mayor	
Christina Bollo	3-4-09	3-4-12	2nd	City Council	Chair
Jon Morgan	3-4-08	3-4-12	2nd	Mayor	
Kristen Lohse	3-4-08	3-4-12	2nd	Mayor	Vice Chair

Diversity

				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Vacant</u>	<u>Minority</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>African Am.</u>	<u>Latino</u>	<u>Nat. Am</u>	<u>Other</u>
7	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	1 – Hearing impaired (ASL); 1 – Visually impaired

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December 18, 2009

To whom it may concern,

I am excited to submit this letter of interest in regards to being selected to serve as a member on the City of Seattle pedestrian advisory board. Specifically, the area of focus I would appreciate being considered for is transportation. I believe that I am uniquely qualified for this position. For starters, I would add a lot to the board by

Providing expertise on how I walk or use public transportation to get everywhere in the city. I also have a strong desire to help others learn about walking and public transportation options in Seattle. I would also like to address issues related to sidewalks being poorly maintained, and also the closing off of pedestrian access to sidewalks do to both public and private construction projects.

I enjoy teaching people how to plan trips using public transit. I walk several miles each day and ride many different bus routs to get where I need to go throughout the day. I would describe myself as someone who is punctual, responsible, energetic, hard-working and considerate. I enjoy the challenge of learning new tasks.

I have been involved in several different transportation committees in Seattle and other communities. I feel I would be an asset to the board because I use public transportation or I walk every place I need to go, this gives me a prospective that other applicants may not have. I would be able to tell the board what is working correctly or what may be needing improvement.

I recently moved to the **Bitter Lake-Haller Lake** neighborhood in north Seattle. In that short time I found and helped to eradicate problems such as over grown trees and bushes, broken sidewalks, no curb cuts, parked cars on and blocking sidewalks. I have talked to people whose cars were blocking the sidewalk where I walk and they moved them so they were no-longer blocking the sidewalk for me and other pedestrians. I want to help and get others in my neighborhood

And around the city involved in taking care of the sidewalks.

I happen to be blind myself. This, of course, helps me to understand and meaningfully connect with others who are also blind. I am a thoughtful, positive person and enjoy instilling confidence in others.

I have a wealth of technological and computer experience. I have worked as a Computer Technician for the past nine years doing everything from customer support to printer and computer setup. I have completed a training program at the Access Technology Institute and have a special interest in making technology accessible to everyone. My patient demeanor has earned me numerous thank you letters from previous clients I have helped.

Being a public transportation consumer myself, I would very much enjoy passing along what I have learned over the years, walking, riding buses and trains, route planning, cost of transportation, and interpreting engine sounds are teachable skills that can empower someone who hasn't yet learned to travel on public transportation. My confident cane skills can be integrated into productive and encouraging lessons as well for other blind pedestrians.

I look forward to discussing further the ways in which I would be able to contribute to the City of Seattle pedestrian advisory board

Sincerely,

Jacob R. Struiksma

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OBJECTIVE

Apply my skills in a Computer Technician position troubleshooting hardware and software issues

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Build customized computers according to specific requests
- Update and change MS Windows 2000, Windows XP Professional edition, Word, Outlook, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Networking Essentials
- Maintain personal four-computer network, hardware/software for build outs and hubs
- Experienced wiring computer networks and upgrading computer
- Strong work ethic; dependable and punctual
- Launched Microsoft Millennium Edition / as Desktop Support in 14 months
- Fully versed in Windows OS (95, 98, ME, and XP) including troubleshooting and workarounds
- Sophisticated knowledge regarding assistive technology at system and program levels
- Replaced and installed computer hardware

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 50 thank you letters from customers in appreciation for MS Windows trouble-shooting work
- Appointed Member for Community Transit Citizens Advisory Council (2004-2007)
- Volunteered with advocacy group for pedestrian safety

WORK EXPERIENCE

Summer Youth Program staff person

Colorado Center for the Blind

Littleton, CO

May 2009 to August 2009

Taught cane travel to blind teens for the summer. Practicing how to use the cane going to different neighborhoods and downtown, stores buses, trains, and walking. I work with three of the teens for one hour and half five days a week four times the day. I lived with teens at apartment working and helping them take care of the apartment.

Computer Technician

Smart-Source

February 2009

Everett and Seattle, WA.

Data wiped, reloaded software, and inventoried equipment at Countrywide.

PFI Tech *Everett, WA* *May – July 2008*
Set up new printers to serve workstations at Boeing.

Anu Resources Unlimited *Kirkland, WA* *May 2008*
Conducted assessment of computer equipment at Omnicare/Information Control Corporation

Smart Source, Inc. *Snohomish, WA* *April 2008*
Generation 3 ColorSmart Kiosk Installation at Home Depot.

Smart Source, Inc. *Seattle, WA* *December 2007*
CLS Printer Replacement Project. Uninstalled and took down old laser Lexmark printers and setup new HP printers. Tested printers to be sure they operated correctly.

Manpower Professionals *Seattle, WA* *September – December 2007*
On site at Washington Mutual for the EET re-carpet project. Took down and moved computer monitors, printers and PCU towers; reassembled and tested workstations including cables, routing, and system functions.

Smart Source, Inc. *Seattle, WA* *May 2007*
On site at Allstate Insurance. Moved multiple computer stations and maintained an organized system for reassembly with accurate equipment placement and connections.

Field Technician

Urban Outfitter *Seattle, WA* *August 2006*
Disassembled, moved and reassembled Register system. System included unique networking and cabling for: IBM controller, Neoware network station, Network Printer, Hub and/or switch, router; symbol access point that runs RF units; symbol Hand Held RF units (inventory-type scanners). Setup new computer system, monitors, & keyboards with the networked system.

Youth Employment Solutions Staff

State Department of Services for the Blind *Seattle, WA* *Summers 2001, 2002, 2005*
Supervised 22 blind and visually impaired teenagers. Helped teens with chores, planning events, keep order, and help and fixed computers. Night-watch and housekeeping.

Information Technology Support

Keane, Inc. *Kirkland, WA* *February 2000 – April 2001*
Telephone Technical Customer Support for Microsoft Windows 95, 98. Troubleshooting with the launch of Microsoft Millennium Edition. Assisted customers with fatal errors and system installation.

Facility Maintenance

State Department of Services for the Blind *Seattle, WA* *Summer 1997*
Facility and grounds maintenance, as well as data entry.

EDUCATION

Access Technology Institute

Successfully completed training in the use of Windows XP.

Edmonds Community College

Courses completed include Microsoft Office Suite, coding in HTML, network workstations, Microsoft Windows 2000 and Microsoft Windows XP Professional, A+ hardware.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 11, 2011

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

I am pleased to forward to the City Council the following appointments to the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board for two-year terms ending March 22, 2013.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Devor Barton	3-22-2013	Member	Vanessa Lund
Katherine Fountain MacKinnon	3-22-2013	Member	Mark Bandy
Jacob Struikma	3-22-2013	Member	Ben Smith

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, created by Resolution No. 29532 in 1997, advises the City of Seattle on any issue that affects pedestrians. There are 11 regular positions and one Get-Engaged position. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, including the new appointees.

The appointments' bios for all appointees are as follows:

Devor Barton (new appointment)

Devor's formal training is in User-Centered Design. He would like to make walking the default option for residents to travel within the city. As a student from elementary school through high school, he walked to and from school every day. He grew up in Minnesota and lived on top of one hill while the school was on top of another, so he literally did walk uphill through the snow both ways! Starting in middle school he had a paper route through which he became accustomed to walking a two-mile route six days a week in all kinds of weather. One of the reasons he moved to my current residence on Beacon Hill is that it enabled me to walk to jobs he's held on First Hill and in the International District.

Katherine Fountain MacKinnon (new appointment)

Katherine is a native Seattleite whose professional and personal life are tied closely to transportation policy at the City of Seattle. She and her husband reside in the Belltown neighborhood, and live car-free most of the time. She walks or takes transit to work. She

has never owned a motor vehicle. Katherine is President of the Belltown Community Council, and in that role is tasked with helping to guide policy that will affect change in her neighborhood. Katherine previously worked for Transportation Chair Jan Drago's office, where she worked not only on the Transportation Committee but on a variety of pedestrian-oriented projects ranging from the Pedestrian Master Plan itself, to installation of speed humps on 31st Avenue South. Today, she works in public policy at the Downtown Seattle Association, where she remains involved in a variety of pedestrian and streetscape issues.

Jacob Struiksma (new appointment)

Jacob walks or uses public transportation to get everywhere in the city. He walks several miles each day. He recently moved to the Bitter Lake neighborhood where he is helping to address problems such as over grown trees and bushes, broken sidewalks, no curb cuts, parked cars on and blocking sidewalks. Jacob is blind, which gives him a unique understanding of the pedestrian issues facing the visually impaired. He has worked as a computer technician for nine years doing everything from customer support to printer and computer setup.

Attachments

cc: Brian Dougherty, Seattle Department of Transportation
Wayne Barnett, Seattle Ethics & Elections Commission
Brian Hawksford, Office of Councilmember Tom Rasmussen