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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Katherine Fountain MacKinnon		<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: Belltown	Zip Code: 98102	Contact Phone No.: 206-372-6504
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, 2013 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 Struiksmma	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

Katherine Fountain Mackinnon

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/katherinefountainmackinnon>

QUALIFICATIONS

Communications and policy professional skilled in high-profile strategic interaction including: media and community relations, policy advocacy and outreach, project management and research. Versed in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook; AP and Chicago Style; Photoshop; ConstantContact and Wordpress; social media.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Downtown Seattle Association

Sept 2010 - current

Policy & Research Specialist

- Track, interpret and make recommendations on applicable City and County legislation
- Draft policy briefs and fact sheets for both internal and external audiences
- Liaise and advocate for DSA positions with elected officials and community leaders
- Ensure a clear, coherent voice for DSA on public policy
- Perform other advocacy and political functions as needed

The Fearey Group

Jan – May 2010

Public Affairs - Contract

- Monitored public affairs for clients in the private, public and non-profit sectors
- Managed social media for firm; oversaw daily public affairs e-newsletter

Accomplishment

Consulted on successful Seattle Children's expansion, First Hill Streetcar alignment and King County Alliance for Human Services campaign for dedicated funding

Office of Councilmember Jan Drago

May 2006 – Dec 2009

Legislative Aide

- Prepared press releases, speaking points and served as media contact
- Liaised for Councilmember on salient issues; attended community events/meetings
- Advocated on policy direction; drafted and presented legislation
- Prepared newsletter; updated website information; 'new media' liaison
- Served as communications contact in office; arranged events; created presentations
- Staffed all elements of City's *Transportation Committee*

Accomplishments

Increased regular press contacts from 2 to 6
Convened a special public Seattle-King County meeting on Metro bus service
Lobbied WA House Transportation Committee on transportation funding in '09 session

Office of Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck

June 2005 – May 2006

Legislative Intern

- Was primary contact for all constituent interactions; arranged Committee books
- Drafted speeches; researched and prepared Councilmember for meetings; took photos
- Scheduled Councilmember; arranged travel

Accomplishment

Coordinated City Hall event shedding light on homeless deaths in King County

EDUCATION & TRAINING

McGILL UNIVERSITY, Montreal, Canada

Sept 2001 – June 2005

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science, minor in English Literature

PROFESSIONAL & POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

- *The Parc Belltown Condominiums Homeowners' Association* – Vice President
- *National Women's Political Caucus of WA* – Education & Mentorship Committee
- *Association for Women in Communications*
- *King County Conservation Voters*
- *Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle*
- *King County Young Democrats*

VOLUNTEER, COMMUNITY & ARTS AFFILIATIONS

- *Belltown Community Council* - Interim President
- *Downtown District Council* – Member
- *Belltown Gardens Cottage Project 2009/2010* – Steering Committee
- *Seattle Works* – Election Committee
- *Belltown Founders' Day Festival 2010 & 2011* – Volunteer Manager
- *Belltown P-Patch gardener*
- *Great City* - Member
- *NARAL* - Member
- *Sustainable Belltown* - Member
- *Seattle Art Museum* - Member
- *Transportation Choices Coalition* - Member

December 14, 2010

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c/o Brian Dougherty
Seattle Department of Transportation
PO Box 34996
Seattle, WA 98124-4996

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to convey my interest in joining the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB.) My name is Katherine Fountain Mackinnon and I am a native Seattleite whose professional and personal life are tied closely to transportation policy at the City of Seattle. Although I have long held interest in serving on a Board with the City of Seattle, until recently circumstances prevented my application. Now that the situation has changed I have decided to apply, and believe I would make an informed and progressive contributor to the group.

My husband and I reside in the Belltown neighborhood, and I live car-free about 90% of the time. I walk or take transit to work, and have in fact always done so – I have never owned a vehicle. Because I work Downtown, I spend a great deal of my time commuting by foot in the Center City, and have developed particular strategies including using a bright umbrella, never jay-walking and always making eye contact with drivers to ensure my safety as a pedestrian. I believe that as a foot commuter for the past 5 years in Downtown Seattle that I can offer a perspective on the busiest pedestrian zone in Puget Sound.

I am also the Interim President of the Belltown Community Council, and in that role am tasked with helping to guide good policy that will affect positive change in my neighborhood. Adjacent to the jobs center of Washington, and with a population of nearly 13,000, Belltown is uniquely positioned to be one of the most walkable areas in the city. However, we are faced with the challenge of being a 'throughput' neighborhood where vehicle commuters flood all the North-South streets at rush hour. My experience in working on possibilities and challenges of improving streetscapes, issues with perceived and real pedestrian safety, and accessibility in Belltown means I would be ready to jump into the SPAB with both feet.

Although my professional life is not my only qualification, it is worth mentioning my previous career in Transportation Chair Jan Drago's office, where I 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, I work in public policy at the Downtown Seattle Association, where I remain intimately involved in a variety of pedestrian and streetscape issues including improvements to the 3rd Avenue transit corridor, funding for Metro buses, street food vending, and the Center City Public Realm project. This experience means that I have a foundation of technical understanding which I believe may boost productive conversations at the SPAB.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to become a member of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board. I believe I would bring a robust background and pedestrian-centric perspective to the group, and would be delighted to serve the City of Seattle in this way.

Katherine Fountain Mackinnon

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 Struiksmma	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

