City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: *Don Vehige*		☐ **Executive Appointment** X **Reappointment** ☐ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: *Ravenna*	**Zip Code:** *98115*	**Contact Phone No.:** *206-902-5484*
Appointed to: *Urban Designer Position, Seattle Design Commission*		**Date of Appointment:** *March 1, 2012*
Authority (Ord., Res.): *Ordinance # 116909*		**Term of Office:** **From:** *Confirmation* **To:** *February 28, 2014*

Background:

Don Vehige AIA is an urban designer and associate at GGLO. His work is focused on urban redevelopment for communities throughout the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. Don has specific expertise in mixed use and transit oriented development, streetscapes and low-income housing. Skilled at synthesizing and communicating complex design issues to a wide range of audiences, he has also facilitated many charrettes and public design workshops. Don is passionate about urban design excellence. For him, this begins with a deep understanding of a site's physical, ecological and cultural contexts. Using this knowledge to explore projects at multiple scales and from different perspectives reveals unexpected and inspired results, whether the final product is a neighborhood plan, public space or building. Don graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Architecture and the University of California - Berkeley with a Master of Landscape Architecture.

Don is often the first commissioner to raise issues and has the natural ability to say what other commissioners are thinking. He is earnest, probing and tactful. Because of his broad education and commitment to staying up on the latest in his fields, he can ably and authentically discuss design across many spectrums: landscape architecture, architecture, and urban design. He participated in the WSDOT Montlake Triangle design charrettes, providing advice on urban design and helped craft the Design Commission letter encouraging Transit Oriented Development in Seattle.

Authorizing Signature:	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Mayor Michael McGinn

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DONALD L. VEHIGE, AIA

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Urban Designer / Architect with fifteen years of experience on public and private projects throughout the Puget Sound Region and beyond; includes mixed use and transit oriented development, planned communities, streetscapes, market-rate and low-income housing. Skilled at synthesizing and communicating complex design issues to a wide range of audiences. Facilitator of charrettes and public design workshops. Significant experience with alternative land-use regulations and road standards for compact, sustainable development.

EXPERIENCE

GGLO, Seattle, WA
Associate

2005 - Present
2000 - 2003

- TOD planning for Mt. Baker and Capitol Hill light-rail station areas, Seattle, WA
  role: lead urban designer / project manager
  client: City of Seattle Office of Policy & Management, Office of Economic Development

Leave of absence for graduate school

- Ft. Lawton US Army Reserve Base Redevelopment Plan, Seattle, WA
  collaboration with EDAW, role: housing architect
  client: City of Seattle Office of Housing
- Blueprint for Transit-Oriented Communities - panel discussion series / upcoming handbook
  collaboration with Futurewise, role: researcher / project coordinator
- Lake Forest Park Town Center Redevelopment Plan, Lake Forest Park, WA
  role: lead urban designer / project manager
  client: Madison Marquette Inc.
- Boise Plaza Area Master Plan, Downtown Boise, ID
  role: lead urban designer / project manager for a three-block downtown district plan
  client: Rafenelli & Nahas Inc.
- Greenbridge Hope VI Redevelopment, White Center, WA
  role: lead urban designer / project architect
  client: King County Housing Authority
  2008 AIA/HUD Secretary Award, 2006 Governor's Smart Communities Award
- Rainier Vista Hope VI Redevelopment, Seattle, WA
  collaboration with Tonkin Hoyne Lokan Architects, role: project architect
  client: Seattle Housing Authority

1998 - 2000

Mithūn, Seattle, WA
Urban Designer and Architectural Designer

- Tukwila Village, Tukwila, WA
  role: urban designer for a mixed-use town center on International Blvd. (Hwy. 99)
  client: McConkey Development Company
- Villages at Avonlea, Lacey, WA
  role: lead urban designer for a compact neighborhood development with a mix of housing types and an interconnected park system linked to a regional trail
  client: Caddis Development Inc.
- Townhouse and apartment flat housing design within master planned communities Northwest Landing, DuPont, WA, and Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, WA
  role: architectural designer
  client: Carino Homes Inc.

1997 - 1998

Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, Sea ttle, WA
Project Planner

- Newhalem/Diablo Master Landscape Plan
  role: project planner for historic company towns located at Skagit River Hydro Projects
  client: Seattle City Light
- Various projects within Mountains to Sound Greenway
  role: project planner / designer
  client: Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

1996

Antoine Predock Architect, Albuquerque, NM
Urban Design Contract Services

- University of Minnesota Gateway, McNamara Alumni and Visitor Center, Minneapolis

RESEARCH

Design Center for American Urban Landscape (DCAUL), Minneapolis, MN
Research Specialist in Urban Design

1993 - 1996

DCAUL was an applied research center in urban design within the Univ. of Minnesota's College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Renamed in 2003, Metropolitan Design Center.

- Sumner-Glenwood Public Housing Redevelopment & Community Planning Process, Minneapolis, MN
- Sustainable Urban Landscapes: The Surrey Charrette, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
- Downtown Riverfront / Mississippi River Valley Development Framework, St. Paul, MN
- *Making Housing Home, Guidelines for Designing Quality Housing in Minnesota*

EDUCATION

University of California - Berkeley
Master of Landscape Architecture - Urban Design Concentration, May 2005
College of Environmental Design Alumni Association Award for Professional Promise and Leadership

- Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Landscape Construction

International Studies and Projects:

- Post-Industrial Landscapes, Paris, France and Ruhr Valley, Germany
- 2005 International Graduate Student Urban Design Project, Sustainable Strategies for a threatened World Heritage Site, Oaxaca City, Mexico

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis/St. Paul
Bachelor of Architecture, December 1995
Graduated with distinction

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Form-Based Codes: Design Intensive Workshop (Part 2 of 3)
A joint program by Virginia Tech University, Academy for the New Urbanism, and the Form-Based Codes Institute, training in Berkeley, CA, July 2006

Form-Based Codes: Introductory Course (Part 1 of 3)
training in Berkeley, CA, February 2006

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Speaker and Panelist - Understanding Density, City of Seattle Public Workshop on House Bill 1490, a forum convened by City Council Member Sally Clark, February 2009

Speaker and Panelist - Doing Density Right, Implementing Your Vision through Form-Based Codes, AIA-Seattle Design for Livability Conference, September 2008

Team Leader, Open Space Seattle 2100 Charrette, February 2006
University of Washington

Urban Land Institute - Graduate Student Urban Design Competition, February 2005

Guest Lecturer and Design Jury Critic
College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, 2001-present
Academy of Art University, San Francisco, 2004-2005
College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, 1995-96

Town Planning Intern, Middleton Hills Charrette, Madison, WI, 1993
with Duany Plater-Zyberk Architects and Marshall Erdman Associates

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects
Washington State Licensed Architect #9380

Congress for the New Urbanism

Seattle Design Commission

MARCH, 2012

Ten members: Per Ordinance # 116909, all subject to City Council confirmation, *2*-year terms

- *#* Appointed by City Council
- *10* Appointed by Mayor
- *#* Appointed by

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	**F**	**1**	**Julie Bassuk**	**3/12**	**3/14 (Chair 3/13)**	**2**	**Urban Planner, Chair**	**Mayor**
6	F	2	Mary Fialko	9/11	9/12	1	Get Engaged	Mayor
6	**F**	**3**	**Laurel (Lolly) Kunkler**	**3/12**	**3/14**	**2**	**Engineer**	**Mayor**
6	M	4	Shannon Loew	12/11	3/13	1	At Large (Developer)	Mayor
6	**M**	**5**	**Tom Nelson**	**3/12**	**3/14**	**2**	**Architect**	**Mayor**
6	F	6	Julie Parrett	10/08	3/13	2	Landscape Architect	Mayor
5	M	7	Osama Quotah	3/12	3/13	1	Architect	Mayor
6	**M**	**8**	**Don Vehige**	**9/09**	**3/14**	**2**	**Urban Designer**	**Mayor**
6	F	9	Debbie Wick-Harris	3/11	3/13	1	Engineer	Mayor
			Vacant				Artist	Mayor

***Diversity**

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

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