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City of Seattle Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Benjamin Smith</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input checked="" 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>98108</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>n/a</i>
Appointed to: <i>Southeast Design Review Board (Local Residential Interests)</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>April 4, 2012</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>SMC 23.41.008</i>		Term of Office: From: <i>April 4, 2012</i> To: <i>April 3, 2014</i>
Background: Ben moved to Columbia City in 2009, with an appreciation for the design of the redevelopment around the Link light rail station and the neighborhood's diversity. Ben works for Sound Transit in its Operations Department, helping to monitor performance and ridership trends on ST's bus and rail services. He has an Urban Studies & Planning degree from the University of California at San Diego. Ben previously served on the City of Seattle's Pedestrian Advisory Board ("Ped Board"), and has been active in neighborhood issues since moving to Seattle in 2003. Ben lives in the Rainier Vista area of Columbia City with his partner Jeff and dog Tango.		
Authorizing Signatures: <i>Michael M...</i> <i>Richard Conlin</i>		Name and Title of Officers Making Appointment: <i>Mayor Mike McGinn</i> <i>Councilmember Richard Conlin</i>

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Benjamin A. SMITH

OBJECTIVE Seeking local residential representative position on Seattle Southeast Design Review Board

SKILLS

- Extensive experience with local planning as member of community and campus planning groups
- Well-versed in pedestrian-oriented, transit-friendly and Smart Growth design considerations
- Familiar with dynamics of transportation and development issues in Seattle
- Broad-based transit planning experience in both public and private sector settings
- Avid and engaged citizen, and proud resident of Southeast Seattle/Columbia City/Rainier Vista

CITIZEN BOARD ACTIVITY

- Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (2006-2011), including Vice-Chair (2008-2009)
 - Committees: Pedestrian Master Plan, Civic Engagement, and Waterfront
- POWHAT (Pine-Olive Way-Harvard Area Triangle Neighborhood Association, 2003-2004)
- Uptown Planners (Uptown Community Planning Group), General Member (2001-2003)
- UCSD Campus/Community Planning Committee, Undergraduate Representative (1999-2000)
- University Community Planning Group, UCSD Student Representative (1998-2000)

WORK HISTORY

Assistant Service Planner/Project Coordinator, Sound Transit (July 2007-present)
On behalf of Sound Transit Service Planning & Development Division:

- Computed and prepared internal data for ridership and route performance reports
- Used data from internal reports to produce external reports, assembled and distributed to reports to interested parties, responded to external data requests
- Assisted and supported in development and implementation of service for all modes (ST Express regional bus, Sounder commuter rail, Tacoma Link light rail, Central Link light rail) in documents such as Service Implementation Plan and Service Change packages, responded to service planning inquiries from internal stakeholders and the public
- Represented Division and agency at internal and external meetings, acted as liaison between projects and processes with their effects on service, coordinated with colleagues, partner transit agencies, other jurisdictions and regional committees and workshops

Permitting Coordinator, Passage Events & Promotions (January 2006-July 2007)

- Managed health, fire and planning/zoning permitting for dozens of promotional events at once
- Identified and contacted relevant jurisdictions and saw permits through to approval
- Coordinated and communicated between field staff, real estate contacts and property owners

Temporary Assistant, Woods & Associates, Molly Brown Temps (July 2003-December 2005)

- Demonstrated flexible, reliable and capable work habits in a variety of workplaces, including:
 - McKay Chadwell, PLLC (Woods, August 2003-March 2004) - Managed files for receivership
 - Equity Office Properties (Woods, May-December 2004) - Assisted office property managers
 - PEMCO Insurance (Molly Brown, January-June 2005) - Intake agent in life and auto groups

Transportation Planner, URS Corporation/BRW, Inc. (April 2001-June 2003)

- Served as main GIS resource for Transportation Planning group
- Developed detailed field surveys of land uses and pedestrian connections adjacent to existing and proposed bus stops, and planned Bus Rapid Transit stations
- Supplied bus transit planning assistance to local municipalities for use in regional transit plans
- Conducted demographic analyses of proposed High Capacity Transit corridors using GIS data
- Kept up-to-date on changing transportation and land use planning policy, current research on transit rider market segments, and metropolitan transportation modeling practices

Planning Intern, San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (June 1999-March 2000)

- Assisted staff in major urban transit agency's Planning Department
- Tracked new developments for transit and pedestrian design, and authoring comments
- Identified and investigating special land uses (hospital) adjacent to planned trolley station

EDUCATION Bachelor of Arts Degree, Urban Studies and Planning
University of California at San Diego, Roger Revelle College (June 2000)

Seattle Design Review Board

36 Board members Total: Per SMC 23.41.008 all subject to City Council confirmation, two-year terms that may be reappointed to a subsequent term. The Get Engaged member serves a 1-year term and is appointed per SMC 3.51.

- 11 Appointed by City Council
- 11 Appointed by Mayor
- 14 Appointed by both City Council and Mayor
- 1 Appointed by Council per SMC 3.51 (Get Engaged)

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
3	M	1	Matthew Albores	2011	2013	1	Local Residential	Mayor/Council
6	M	2	Laird Bennion	2012	2014	1	Development	Mayor
6	F	3	Mindy Black	2011	2013	1	Local Business	Mayor/Council
6	F	4	Dawn Bushnaq	2010	2014	2	Local Business	Mayor/Council
2	M	5	Sam Cameron	2010	2014	2	Community	Mayor
6	M	6	Tony Case	2010	2014	2	Development	Council
6	F	7	Ellen Cecil	2012	2014	1	Community	Council
6	M	8	Jerry Coburn	2011	2013	1	Local Business	Mayor/Council
6	M	9	Ric Cochrane	2012	2014	1	Design Professional	Mayor
6	M	10	Jacob Connell	2011	2013	1	Development	Mayor
6	M	11	David Delfs	2009	2013	2	Local Residential	Mayor/Council
3	M	12	Mike DeLilla	2010	2014	2	Development	Mayor
6	M	13	Gabe Grant	2010	2014	2	Local Business	Mayor/Council
5	F	14	Salone Habibuddin	2010	2014	2	Development	Council
6	M	15	Myer Harrell	2010	2014	2	Community	Council
6	M	16	Joe Hurley	2010	2014	2	Design Professional	Council

6	M	17	Peter Krech	2009	2013	2	Community	Mayor
6	F	18	Jill Kurfirst	2010	2014	2	Community	Mayor
6	F	19	Amoreena Miller	2011	2013	1	Design Professional	Council
5	F	20	Lipika Mukerji	2009	2013	2	Design Professional	Council
6	M	21	Robin Murphy	2009	2013	2	Design Professional	Mayor
6	M	22	David Neiman	2011	2013	1	Design Professional	Mayor
6	M	23	Ted Panton	2010	2014	2	Local Residential	Mayor/ Council
5	M	24	Pragnesh Parikh	2010	2014	2	Community	Mayor
6	F	25	Lisa Picard	2009	2013	2	Development	Council
3	F	26	Christina Pizana	2011	2013	1	Local Residential	Mayor/ Council
6	F	27	Gundula Proksch	2012	2014	1	Design Professional	Mayor
6	M	28	Wolf Saar	2009	2013	2	Community	Council
6	M	29	Brian Scott	2009	2013	2	Development	Council
6	M	30	Daniel Skaggs	2011	2013	1	Local Business	Mayor/ Council
6	M	31	Benjamin Smith	2012	2014	1	Local Residential	Mayor/ Council
3	F	32	Norma Tompkins	2009	2013	2	Local Residential	Mayor/ Council
6	M	33	Chip Wall	2011	2013	1	Local Residential	Mayor/ Council
1	M	34	Steven Yamada-Heidner	2011	2013	1	Local Business	Mayor/ Council
6	F	35	Martine Zettle	2011	2013	1	Local Business	Mayor/ Council
1	F	36	Boting Zhang	2011	2012	1	Get Engaged	Council (SMC 3.51)

***Diversity**

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latino	Native-American	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	9	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	8
Council	5	6	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	8
Mayor & Council	9	5	0	4	1	0	3	0	0	10
Total	23	13	0	10	2	1	4	0	3	26

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