

City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Michael L. Barta</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" 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>Madrona</i>	Zip Code: <i>98112</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>206-684-4537</i>
Appointed to: <i>At-large member of the Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>April 3, 2013</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>S.M.C. 3.14.920</i>		Term of Office From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>April 30, 2015</i>
Background: <i>Re-Appointment</i> <i>Mike Barta has a background in disability theory specifically related to inclusion, stigma, and independence. Mike was a member of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines working group for the W3C which created the standard for digital accessibility concerns. He is knowledgeable about adaptive solutions, both technical AT and practical work arounds. Mike is retired from 15 years at Microsoft and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Policy. Mike looks forward to working for more inclusion of 'digital divide' concerns as he joins the Commission. Mike chairs the Commission's nominating committee.</i>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Bruce Harrell, Council Member



MICHAEL L. BARTA

OBJECTIVE

To grow as a leader. To enable and empower through policy.

WORK EXPERIENCE

09 – Present Unorthodox Solutions Redmond, WA

Owner

Researching and developing technologies with an eye to transforming the policy debate surrounding assistive and adaptive electronic and information technology. Specifically automated accessibility audit systems.

99 – 09 Microsoft Corporation Redmond, WA

Dev Lead

Owned infrastructure and Integration, with MS products, for the MSDN team. Developed content management and dissemination system to get MSDN content and news into the VS.Net product. Developed the VS.Net start page as a consumer of this system.

ReOrged to CDDG Communities effort. Ported the MSDN rendering code base into ASPX and abstracted it to use dynamic content. Led design for 1.1 and 2.0 versions of the Communities data store and middle tier.

Led effort to release “smart components” to surface community data organically within client and 3rd party sites. These have been called “the crown jewel” of the communities team by our business team for the reach and impact that they enabled.

95 – 99 Various Contract Agencies Seattle, WA

SDET – MS Works4.0

Designed, built, ran automated document and printer tests

SDET – MS Word5.0

Converted automation harness from WordBasic to VBA

SDET – MS Exchange 4.0 – 5.0

Owned testing for the NNTP protocol engine

SDET – IE4.0 Multimedia

Owned testing for filters and effects engines in Trident2D

PM – MS Chromeffects

Designed inverse kinematics model and manipulation UI

PM – MS BackOffice4.5

Owned technical design of Trident based portion of the Polar collaboration toolset

6/87 – 6/92 U.S. Intelligence (INSCOM)

Signals Intercept & Analysis

Intercepted, translated, and analyzed Russian intel data. Performed various threat and damage assessment functions.

PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 (2008)

System and Method for XML based content management – Patented
4/12/2002

Professional IE4 Programming, Mike Barta et al.
Wrox Press Inc; (November 1997)

Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

June 27, 2013

15 members, confirmed by City Council, who serve a term of 2-years:

- 7 appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council
- 7 appointed by City Council
- 1 appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council

1 Get Engaged Member, confirmed by City Council who serves a single term of 1-year

D	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
-	-	Vacant	-	4-30-2014	1 st		City Council
1	F	Vickie Foster	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		City Council
6	M	<i>Ryan Troyer</i>	<i>4-3-2013</i>	<i>4-30-2014</i>	<i>1st</i>		<i>City Council</i>
6	F	Deborah Witmer	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		City Council
6	M	<i>Mike Barta</i>	<i>9-22-2011</i>	<i>4-30-2015</i>	<i>2nd</i>		<i>City Council</i>
6	F	<i>Laura Gramer</i>	<i>5-10-2010</i>	<i>4-30-2015</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<i>City Council</i>
6	M	<i>Robert Canamar</i>	<i>4-3-2013</i>	<i>4-30-2015</i>	<i>1st</i>		<i>City Council</i>
-	-	Vacant (McKee)	-	4-30-2013	1 st		Commission
6	M	Mark Adreon	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		Mayor
1	M	Steve Ferreira	8-20-2012	4-30-2014	1 st		Mayor
2	F	Hope Drummond	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		Mayor
-	-	Vacant (Reza)	8-20-2012	4-30-2014	1 st		Mayor
-	-	Vacant (Caple)	-	4-30-2013	1 st		Mayor
6	F	Patricia Copeland	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd		Mayor
2	M	Jonathan Porter	8-20-2012	4-30-2013	2 nd	Co-Chair	Mayor
2	F	Grace Oludiji	9-6-2012	9-1-2013	1 st	Get Engaged	Mayor

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

Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	3	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	2
Council	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Commission	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Get Engaged*	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	6	6	4	5	2	3	0	0	0	7

Boards & Commissions Request for Appointment and Reappointment

From Felicia Yearwood

Date May 28, 2013

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

New Appointments

Following are the bios for applicants who request consideration for an initial appointment.

Robert Canamar

Robert Canamar, a disabled veteran and wheelchair user, has been active for the past twenty-five years advocating for individuals who are homeless and poor. Robert previously served as a member of the Seattle Housing Authority Resident Action Council and President of Ballard House Community Council. Robert has been active with Poverty Action Network, Progressive Majority, League of Conservation Voters, and People for the American Way. Robert was instrumental in the creation of the Commission through his service on the ad hoc Committee to Establish a Seattle Disabilities Commission. Robert has been engaged with the Commission, regularly attends meetings and special events, and has begun serving on the Transportation Subcommittee.

Ryan Troyer

Ryan Troyer graduated the University of Washington, Bothell with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Arts in Environmental Sciences and Technology, with a minor in Human Rights. While a student, Ryan Identified and tested access issues for university campus, recommended cost-effective solutions for access modifications, and advised on accessible signage solutions. Ryan has tested website accessibility for Starbucks and divisions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ryan identified accessibility issues and made recommendations to a hotel chain while vacationing in France. Ryan serves on AccessSTEM, an interactive online community for DO-IT Scholars in science and technology related fields. Ryan regularly attends Commission meetings and events. Ryan has begun serving on the Transportation Subcommittee and has provided valuable analysis of a Scope of Work for a Sidewalk Pilot Project proposed by the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Re-Appointments

Following are the bios for Commissioners who request consideration for reappointment.

Mike Barta

Mike Barta has a background in disability theory specifically related to inclusion, stigma, and independence. Mike was a member of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines working group for the W3C which created the standard for digital accessibility concerns. He is knowledgeable about adaptive solutions, both technical AT and practical work arounds. Mike is retired from 15 years at Microsoft and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Policy. Mike has begun working with the City's Department of

Request for appointment and reappointment memo

Information Technology on a plan to develop a web portal for disability-related issues. Mike chairs the Commission's nominating committee.

Laura Gramer

Laura Gramer serves on the board of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services and works as an occupational therapist. While living in Illinois, Laura served on the Universal Access Commission, the Open Doors Organization, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, and the Progress Center for Independent Living. Laura has engaged in substantial public speaking and lecturing on deafness, disability, and occupational therapy. Laura has consistently worked to bridge the deaf and deaf-blind communities to the larger disability rights community. Laura actively represents the Commission at community events, including recently the Phinney Neighborhood Association and the SPD Safe Communities Outreach, and serves as the Commission Co-Chair.