

**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: <i>Michael Austin</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>First Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98104</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>206-457-3130</i>	
Appointed to: <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>09/08/2014</i>	
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission</i>		Term of Office: From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>April 2017</i>	
Comments: <i>Michael Austin is an urban designer for MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design where he has led community outreach processes for several master plans and coordinated the development of district framework plans including transportation/streetscape plans, and design guidelines. He has recently served on the East Design Review board. Michael has also worked as an urban planner, focusing on housing policies and general plan updates. Michael holds a Master of Architecture from the Pratt Institute and a Bachelor of Science, City and Regional Planning from California Polytechnic State University.</i>			
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mayor Ed Murray 	

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To whom it may concern,

I am very interested in being considered as a candidate for the Seattle Planning Commission. As an urban designer for MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design (MAKERS) and outgoing member of the Seattle Design Review Board, it is my intent to utilize my knowledge of complex planning issues as a means to facilitate conversations with board members and City departments. By participating in these conversations, I hope to advise the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on subject matter that helps to shape equitable planning approaches for the community.

As an outgoing member of the Seattle Design Review Board, I am comfortable engaging in difficult discussions in a public forum concerning subject matter that will have a lasting effect on the neighborhood. Although our task to support the design guidelines, it is essential for us to have a thorough understanding of the broader land use policy that influences the shape of each project, something that is often a point of contention with the local community. It is often these issues that are in fact why many concerned residents attend, such as building height, parking, and public spaces - issues which will continue to be brought forward for guidance with the Planning Commission. I have also used this opportunity as a board member to research ground-level residential entrances in the Capitol Hill and South Lake Union neighborhoods. This project has involved creating a survey of existing housing typologies, drafting a series of metrics to rate each entrance, and will ideally result in a series of recommendations to supplement the language of the city-wide design guidelines and potentially zoning code, with the interest of enhancing the quality of future ground-level residential entrances. Additionally, as a Get Engaged member, I have been active in the community outreach process for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update. I look forward to the opportunity to engage the review of elements from the draft Comprehensive Plan and provide recommendations if necessary.

Since joining MAKERS, my primary efforts have involved managing a small collaborative effort to use a community planning-based approach to drafting several federal master plans. Each plan included the development of neighborhood-specific urban design framework plans which included regulating plans, multi-modal transportation plans, and design guidelines to promote equitable living conditions for the installation community. Additionally, I have recently led the effort to synthesize results from the South Lake Union Urban Design Framework Plan for the update of the South Lake Union Neighborhood Design Guidelines. It was through this research that I developed a strong interest in the support of the urban design framework plan as a neighborhood-scale tool for other communities in Seattle, and the various opportunities for neighborhood-level planning policy recommendations that could emerge. I feel that these opportunities, in addition to the review of the Comprehensive Plan, are something that I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to partake in.

I am confident that I can work confidently with other commissioners to make recommendations for neighborhood-level and city-wide planning considerations. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and discuss other opportunities that could emerge from this position. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can answer any additional questions, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest Regards,

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Practicing professional with urban design and community planning emphasis, and outgoing member of the East Seattle Design Review Board.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture
Pratt Institute,
Brooklyn, New York, 2012

**Bachelor of Science, City and
Regional Planning**
California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo, 2007

Summer Semester Abroad
Architecture, Energy, and the Environment
Beuth Hochschule für Technik, Berlin, 2010

Fall Quarter Abroad
Eastern and Central European Studies
Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Prague, 2005

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board Member, Get Engaged Position
City of Seattle, East Design Review Board, 2013-2014

Co-Host
Seattle Design Festival, 2014

Exhibitor
Seattle Architecture Foundation Model Exhibit, 2014

Selection Panelist
City of Seattle Arts Commission, 2014

Panelist
American Planning Association Washington
Chapter Conference, 2013

Installation
Occidental(8) Parking Day Competition, 2013

Animation
MoMA PS1 Expo 1: New York, The Rockaways, 2013

Guest Lecturer/Teaching Assistant
Pratt Institute, 2011-2012

Installation
Agent Structures, Brooklyn NY, 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Urban Designer

MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design, LLP
Sep 2012 – Present

- Led the community outreach process for several installation master plans - including facilitating discussions between conflicting stakeholder opinions to achieve consensus over the direction of each master plan
- Coordinated the development of district framework plans for each master plan, which included regulating plans, transportation/streetscape plans, and design guidelines
- Incorporated different graphic and written techniques to make community members familiar with the master plan process for briefings and neighborhood workshops
- Managed the update for the City of Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan
- Managed the collection of materials from the South Lake Union Urban Design Framework Plan for the South Lake Union Neighborhood Design Guidelines Update

Instructor

College of the Redwoods, Upward Bound Department
Jun 2011 – Aug 2011

- Instructed a course involving an introduction to architecture and design for low income/at-risk youth
- Daily lectures and projects were tailored to engage an audience previously unfamiliar with the field of design

Associate Planner

LWC, Inc
Feb 2008 - Apr 2009

- Worked extensively with the development of housing policy in communities throughout California
- Coordinated multiple outreach methodologies to educate and gauge resident feedback on affordable housing
- Assisted in the development of several general plan updates

Transportation Intern

Judd Consultants
Feb 2008 - Mar 2008

- Drafted multi-modal transportation guidelines for a traditionally automobile-oriented rural community
- Developed graphics and transportation policy folding into downtown improvement plan

Intern

World Bank/Copán Ruinas, Honduras
Mar 2005 - Jun 2005

- Facilitated a collaborative, multilingual workshop between archeologists, architects, anthropologists, and residents
- Assisted in the drafting of a master plan for the Copán river valley; protecting the mayan city of Copán - a UNESCO World Heritage site

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Former Chair, East Seattle Design Review Board
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Lisa Rutzick

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Seattle Planning Commission

As of August 22 2014

16 members: Per SMC 3.6, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms

- 7 Appointed by City Council
- 8 Appointed by Mayor
- 1 Appointed by Planning Commission

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
2	F	1	<i>Keely Brown</i>	5/22/13	4/15/16	1	Commissioner	City Council
6	F	2	<i>Amalia Leighton</i>	5/14/13	4/15/16	2	Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	3	<i>Tim Parham</i>	5/22/13	4/15/16	1	Commissioner	City Council
6	F	4	<i>Jeanne Krikawa</i>	5/14/13	4/15/16	2	Commissioner	Mayor
5	F	5	<i>Marjorie Press</i>	5/22/13	4/15/16	1	Commissioner	City Council
1	F	6	<i>Grace Kim</i>	4/15/14	4/15/17	2	Commissioner	Mayor
1	M	7	<i>Morgan Shook</i>	4/15/14	4/15/17	2	Commissioner	City Council
6	M	8	<i>David Shelton</i>	09/08/14	4/15/17	1	Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	9	<i>Patricia Wilma</i>	4/15/14	4/15/17	1	Commissioner	City Council
1	M	10	<i>Michael Austin</i>	09/08/14	4/15/17	1	Commissioner	Mayor
5	M	11	<i>Bradley Khouri</i>	4/15/12	4/15/15	1	Commissioner	City Council
3	M	12	<i>Luis Borrero</i>	5/1/12	4/15/15	1	Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	13	<i>David Cutler</i>	5/15/12	4/15/15	2	Commissioner	City Council
6	F	14	<i>Catherine Benotto</i>	4/15/12	4/15/15	2	Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	15	<i>Matt Roewe</i>	4/15/12	4/15/15	2	Commissioner	Commission
6	F	16	<i>Lauren Squires</i>	9/15/14	9/15/15	1	Get Engaged	Mayor

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	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latin@	Native-American	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	2	5	1		1		1			5
Council	4	3			1	1			2	3
Other Bodies	1									1
Total	7	8	1		2	1	1		2	9

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