




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Tom Byers		
Board/Commission Name: Park District Community Oversight Committee		Position Title: Park Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Date of Appointment: 11/8/16
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Other Appointment: <i>Specify "Other" appointing Authority name</i>		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Residential Neighborhood: Madrona	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.: N/A
Legislated Authority: Park District Resolution #1	Term of Office: 04/17/16 04/17/19 ^{4/13/16} to 4/13/19	
Background: Tom Byers is founder of the Cedar Rivers Group, an organization that collaborates with non-profits and government agencies to create solutions to some of our communities' most difficult issues. Tom has a background working in the public sector as Deputy Mayor under Mayor Schell; helping to create and implement ballot initiatives that brought much needed funding to Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Public Library and the redevelopment of the Seattle Center. Prior to that Tom had served as Deputy Superintendent of Seattle Parks and Recreation where he helped develop the first comprehensive parks plan in more than 30 years. Throughout his life, Tom has dedicated himself to working for change through creative partnerships between non-profit organizations and government agencies. The majority of this work takes place in the areas of environmentalism, public health and equity. Tom's activist spirit, creativity and adept ability at problem-solving will make him an excellent contributor to the Park District Oversight Committee.		
Authorizing Signature: 		Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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EXPERIENCE

2002 – Present; 1990-1998

Founding Partner and Principal, Cedar River Group

The Cedar River Group is a Seattle-based public policy consulting firm that specializes in projects in the public interest. Cedar River Group provides a wide range of services to help public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, foundations and corporations conceive and implement projects. Tom's recent projects at Cedar River Group have included: development of the successful 2008 Parks for All Levy package, which provided \$148 million for Seattle parks; development of a "sustainability plan" for the Seattle Art Museum; preparation of two successful applications for federal stimulus funds for public health measures, totaling \$25 million; creation of *Bands of Green*, a plan for the development of trails, boulevards and linear parks in Seattle for the Seattle Parks Foundation; development of the Office of Port Jobs and the Apprenticeship Opportunities Program for the Port of Seattle; organizing Friends of the Basic Health Plan for the Fremont Public Association; developing a Strategy to Find Common Ground on Farmworker Housing for the Washington Migrant Health Council and the Governor's Office; the Galer Street Bridge Project for Immunex Corporation; the Skagit Farmland Preservation Project for Skagit County; the Working Landscapes Initiative for the Bullitt Foundation and King County; a study of the re-use of the Sand Point Naval Air Station for the Seattle Homeless Coalition, and the creation of a public/philanthropic partnership to provide services for homeless families, for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as more than thirty other projects in the fields of community development, park and open space planning and preservation, health care planning, and human services program development.

1998-2001

Deputy Mayor, City of Seattle

As one of two Deputy Mayors, Tom had responsibility for strategic planning, housing, community development, neighborhood programs, land use regulations and permitting, parks and recreation, education, health, human services, human rights, the arts, Seattle Center, and the Seattle Public Library system. In this role he guided development of three successful ballot initiatives which provided nearly \$600 million to rebuild the city's library system, redevelop the Opera House and other buildings at Seattle Center; expand the city's network of community centers; and upgrade and expand the parks system. Tom also had oversight responsibility for the administration's implementation of 37 neighborhood plans, and for the creation of the Office for Housing. He played a leadership role in the development of Project Liftoff and Reinvesting in Youth, two major community initiatives to improve early childhood education, expand out-of-school youth programs, and reduce juvenile incarceration.

1980-1990

Special Assistant to the Mayor, City of Seattle

Tom served as special assistant to Mayor Charles Royer during three terms. In that capacity he led Mayor Royer's Human Services and Environmental Cabinets and led the development of the City's Human Services Funding Program, which now provides more than \$24 million annually in direct City assistance to community agencies. Tom formed the Mayor's Task Force on the Homeless and oversaw implementation of its recommendations. He led teams prepared the successful Regional Health Facilities Bond measure in 1987, which provided \$100 million for public hospitals and clinics; and the \$90 million Open Space Bond proposal adopted by the voters in 1989. Tom organized the City's Environmental Coordinating Committee, which managed and successfully resolved a series of major environmental issues including Gas Works Park pollution abatement, removal of PCB contamination at the Lake Union Steam Plant, and the preservation of the 90,000 acre Cedar River Watershed.

1988

Deputy Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation Department

Following the sudden retirement of the Parks Superintendent in 1988, Tom was asked by Mayor Royer to act as interim deputy superintendent to assist in managing the department for an eight month period. In this assignment, Tom initiated the first comprehensive plan for parks and recreation since 1968, negotiated agreements with Burlington Northern Railroad for right-of-way to extend Burke-Gilman Trail, and worked to adapt recreation programs to the needs of poor and single-parent families by creating dawn-to-dusk summer programs and scholarships for low income children in various recreation programs.

1978-1979

Program Coordinator, Mayor's Government Reorganization Project

Tom successfully carried out reorganization of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, redesigned the delivery of the agency's personal health services offerings, and forged a partnership between the Department, non-profit community health centers the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, and other medical institutions to improve health care for low-income populations.

1971-1978

Coordinator, Country Doctor Community Health Center

Tom worked as a member of the team that created a new community health center serving Capitol Hill, and became the first coordinator of the clinic. In that role he secured affiliation agreements with major medical centers to provide backup services to the medically indigent on an ability-to-pay basis. He also led the effort to document the poor health status of the urban poor and worked with Senator Warren Magnuson to create the nation's first major urban National Health Service Corps project and expand the authorization of the Corps to provide health care workers to jails, medical institutions and prisons.

1970-1971

Community Organizer

Tom came to Seattle to work as a field organizer for the anti-war movement in central Seattle. He also worked as part of a team to establish free food programs and community clinics in low-income

neighborhoods during the Boeing recession. Prior to 1970, he worked to earn money for college as a shopkeeper's helper, mason's tender, house painter, farm worker, sports reporter and teacher's assistant.

EDUCATION

Masters Degree in Public Administration

Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs
University of Washington (2007)

Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government

John F. Kennedy School of Government
Harvard University (1989)

College of Arts & Sciences Interdisciplinary Studies Program

University of Washington (1973-75)
Teaching assistant for course in community health service delivery.

College of Architecture, Art and Planning

Cornell University (1967-70)
Awarded Dean's Scholarship.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Board of Directors, Friends of the Waterfront (2012-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Office of Port Jobs (2002-Present)

Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Directors, Cross Cultural Health Care Program (2002- present)

Member, Board of Directors, Mercy Housing Northwest (2009-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Downtown Emergency Services Center (2002-2010)

Member and co-chair, Families and Education Levy Oversight Committee (1998-2001)

Founding member, Board of Directors, Committee for the Seattle Commons (1991-1996)

Member, Board of Directors, Public Defenders Association (1990-1996)

Co-Chair, Evergreen Alliance (1992)

National Advisory Committee on the National Health Service Corps (1980-81)

Member, Steering Committee, Seattle Public Health Care Coalition (1971-1981)

Member, Washington State Hospital Commission (1989-1990)

Member, Board of Directors, Puget Sound Health Systems Agency (1978-1985)

Saward Commission on the Future of Public Service Hospitals (1979)

Founding member, Board of Directors, Central Seattle Community Health Centers (1976-78)

AWARDS

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Evans School of Public Affairs (2012)

Seattle Distinguished Citizen Medal (2001)

Humanitarian Award, Seattle Department of Human Services (2001)

Sea Mar Award for Service to the Hispanic Community of Washington (1998)

Henry M. Jackson Award for Contributions to Native American Health (1991)

PARK DISTRICT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

[15] Members: Pursuant to *Park District Resolution #1.*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms (initial terms were staggered at 1, 2 or 3 years):

- 15 Mayor appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	N/A	1.	Park Board	Tom Byers	4/13/16	4/13/19 4/13/18	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	2.	Park Board	Barbara Wright	4/13/15	4/13/18	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	3.	Park Board	Kelly McCaffrey	4/13/15	4/13/18	2	Mayor
			4.	Park Board	Vacant				Mayor
6	F	N/A	5.	Commission Rep	Patt Copeland	4/13/15	4/13/17	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	6.	Commission Rep	Patti Wilma	4/13/15	4/13/18	1	Mayor
3	F	N/A	7.	Commission Rep	Lylianna Allala	4/13/15	4/13/18	1	Mayor
3	F	N/A	8.	Commission Rep	Jennifer Calleja	4/13/15	4/13/17	1	Mayor
1	F	1	9.	District 1 Rep	Trang Hoang	4/13/15	4/13/17	1	Mayor
		2	10.	District 2 Rep	Vacant				Mayor
6	M	3	11.	District 3 Rep	Marc Daudon	4/13/15	4/13/18	2	Mayor
6	F	4	12.	District 4 Rep	Dewey Potter	4/13/15	4/13/18	1	Mayor
6	F	5	13.	District 5 Rep	Jessica Farmer	4/13/15	4/13/17	1	Mayor
	M	6	14.	District 6 Rep	Garet Munger	1/23/17	3/31/20	1	Mayor
6	M	7	15.	District 7 Rep	Steve Gillespie	4/13/15	4/13/18	2	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor													
Council													
Joint	4	9			1		2			10			
Total	4	9			1		2			10			

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.