



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Michael Walton		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Urban Forestry Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> Landscape Architect
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2024  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Victory Heights	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98125	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Michael has a bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington, is an ISA-certified arborist, and holds certificates as a professional horticulturist and in restoration ecology.</p> <p>He brings extensive knowledge of horticulture, arboriculture, construction detailing, and irrigation design to his current position in Hough Beck and Baird, a local landscape architecture firm. His work covers a wide range from corridor revitalization, college campuses, public infrastructure projects, public parks, and private residences.</p> <p>Michael’s landscape architecture experience and his passion to protect our natural resources by balancing environmental sensitivity and design performance will be an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission.</p> <p>He served his first term in the Landscape Architect position (Position #6 – Mayoral appointment). He has significant experience working with urban trees and has made valuable contributions to the UFC, especially around discussions on the tree regulations update work.</p> <p>Michael is being appointed to a three-year term ending March 31, 2021.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle

\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.



# Michael Walton, ASLA, ISA

## Associate



### Registration

- Landscape Architect: Washington
- Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture

### Experience

- Hough Beck & Baird, Inc., 2013 – present, Associate
- Natural Concept Landscape Company, 2011 – 2013, Lead Landscape Designer

### Education

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington, 2011
- Bachelor of Arts, Art, Gonzaga University, 2001
- Bachelor of Arts, Broadcast Communication, Gonzaga University, 2001

### Certification

- Restoration Ecology Certificate, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington
- Certified Professional Horticulturist, Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association

### Professional Affiliation

- American Society of Landscape Architects, member
- International Society of Arborists, member

### Public Service

- Bainbridge Island Land Trust, Grant Application Concept Development Team, volunteer
- Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, restoration volunteer

### Conferences

- Urban Forest Symposium: Trees and Urban Infrastructure, Plant Amnesty and the University of Washington Botanic Gardens
- Annual WASLA Conference, State Chapter Landscape Architecture Conference: Where History Meets Nature

### Continued Education

- Designing With Metal for the Hardscape, Iron Age Designs
- "Soundwalls and Barriers: Practical Applications and Design Choices," Soundwall Systems
- Paver Design in the Landscape, Artistic Pavers
- California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance training, Hunter Irrigation
- "Stormwater Infrastructure Solutions and Geotextiles," Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.
- Water Feature Design, Water Odyssey
- "Irrigating Small and Tricky Spaces Efficiently," Toro Irrigation
- "Irrigation Designing in Drought Conditions," Dariush Bakhtar, Webinar, Land F/X
- Trees and Construction Seminar, Scott Baker, ISA
- "Specifying Topsoils & Organic Soil Amendments: Get What You Want and Need," Howard Stenn, Stenn Design, Specifying Soils Seminar, Cedar Grove Composting, Inc.
- "Compost Based BMPs in Green Infrastructure & LID Applications," Dr. Britt Faucette, Specifying Soils Seminar, Cedar Grove Composting, Inc.
- Designing Green Roof Assemblies, American Hydrotech
- Lighting and Control Solutions for the Outdoor Environment, Acuity, Center for Light and Space

# Urban Forestry Commission

2-22-21

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

**Roster:**

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	6	1.	Wildlife Biologist	Julia Michalak	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Council
6	NB	2	2.	Urban Ecologist	Elby Jones	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M	6	3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	4/1/19	3/31/22	2	Council
6	F	6	4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Sarah Rehder	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
6	M	4	5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Council
6	M	5	6.	Landscape Architect	Michael Walton	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
6	M	3	7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	14/1/19	3/31/22	1	Council
6	M	7	8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	David Moehring	1/19/21	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	M	n/a	9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Blake Voorhees	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Commission
9	F	7	10.	Get Engaged Member	Elena Arakaki	9/1/20	8/31/22	1	Mayor
			11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	vacant	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Council
6	F	7	12	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
2	F	6	13	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Shari Selch	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Council

**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	2	3		Non-Binary						5			
Council	3	2				1				4			
Other	1									1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>				<b>10</b>			

**Key:**

- \*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List gender, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.