




## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br>Ben Gist  |                                     |  |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b><br>Seattle Design Commission  |                                     | <b>Position Title:</b><br>Architect  |
| <b>X Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment</b>  |                                     | <b>Council Confirmation required?</b><br><b>X</b> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Council<br><b>X</b> Mayor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority  | <b>Date Appointed:</b><br>mm/dd/yy. | <b>Term of Position:</b><br>3/1/2023<br>to<br>2/28/2025                              |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br>Rainier Valley/Columbia City  | <b>Zip Code:</b><br>98108           | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b>  |
| <b>Background:</b> <p>Ben is a Principal in the Seattle office of MG2, a national architecture and design firm. Ben has over 20 years experience in the design and execution of mixed use and single purpose residential or commercial developments. Most of Ben's work has focused on new development in the Puget Sound area, with additional work on residential projects at University of California's Irvine campus. Ben has a strong commitment to professional development in his service in leadership roles at the Seattle chapter of the American Institute for Architects. Since 2017, Ben has also served on the Downtown Seattle Associations' Family-friendly downtown taskforce.</p> <p>Ben has a Masters' degrees in Architecture and a Bachelors' in Environmental Design from Montana State University.</p> |                                     |  |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br><br><b>Date Signed:</b> 1/19/2023  |                                     | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br>Bruce A. Harrell<br>Mayor of Seattle                 |



EDUCATION

Master of Architecture  
Montana State University

Bachelor of Environmental Design  
Montana State University

LICENSING

Registered Architect, WA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS  
AND ACTIVITIES

- AIA Seattle Housing Task Force, Member 2018-present
- Downtown Seattle Association Family Friendly Downtown Taskforce 2017-present
- Montana State University School of Architecture Advisory Council, Member, 2007-2012
- New Rainier Vista Community Design Review, Board Member, 2007
- AIA Northwest and Pacific Region, Regional Associate Director, 2005
- AIA Seattle Board of Directors, Past Associate Director, 2004-2005
- AIA Seattle Open House Committee, Past Member, 2003-2006

BEN GIST, AIA

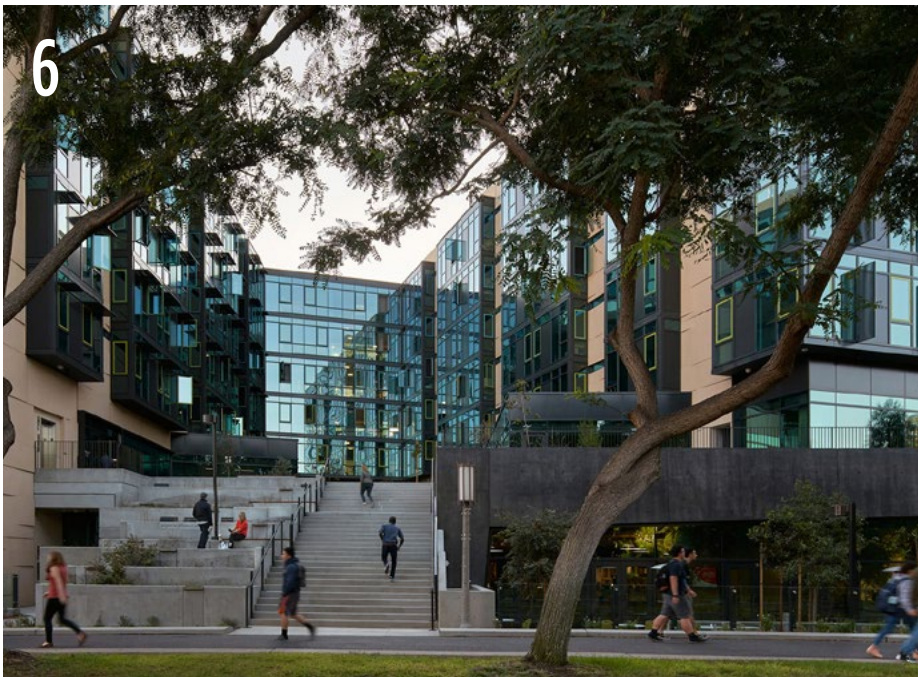
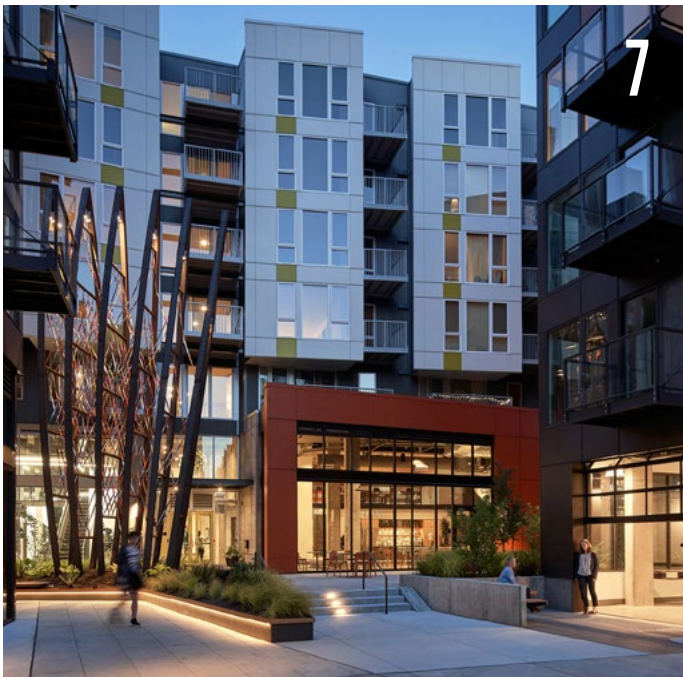
PRINCIPAL

With over 20 years of experience owning the full vertical of multi-family and mid-rise housing, Ben Gist has spent his career partnering with clients to find the perfect solutions to their unique challenges. A passionate champion of collaboration and open communication, Ben approaches each new project with a solution-oriented mindset, uniting all stakeholders—regardless of where they sit in the process.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1. 1661 Olive Way / Seattle, WA
2. Rose Hill Mixed-Use / Kirkland, WA
3. Everett Riverfront / Everett, WA
4. Pinehurst / Bellingham, WA
5. Arras Apartments\* / Bellevue, WA
6. Middle Earth Towers\* / UC Irvine, CA
7. JUXT\* / Seattle, WA
8. Augusta\* / Seattle, WA
9. The Huxley\* / Seattle, WA

\* Project completed at a previous firm





# Seattle Design Commission

The Seattle Design Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on the design and environmental implications of City funded projects, projects seeking long-term or permanent use of a right of way, or public projects seeking City approval. The Commission is comprised of 10 members, as established by Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.58. Members serve a two year term and are eligible for two consecutive terms. All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.  
A Chair is also appointed on each year. The Chair is selected by Commissioners for approval by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council.

New appointments are underlined. Reappointments are in *italic*

## Roster:

| *D | **G | RD | Position No. | Position Title                     | Name                      | Term Begin Date | Term End Date  | Term #   | Appointed By |
|----|-----|----|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| 6  | M   | 2  | 1.           | Urban Planner                      | Adam Paul Amrhein         | 3/1/23          | 2/28/25        | 2        | Mayor        |
| 6  | NB  | 3  | 2.           | Get Engaged                        | Molly Spetalnick          | 9/1/22          | 9/1/23         | 1        | Mayor        |
| 5  | F   | 4  | 3.           | Engineer<br>(Civil/Transportation) | Puja Shaw                 | 3/1/22          | 2/28/24        | 1        | Mayor        |
| 6  | M   | 4  | 4.           | At Large                           | Jill Crary                | 3/1/23          | 2/28/25        | 2        | Mayor        |
| 6  | M   | 6  | 5.           | Architect                          | Matt Aalfs                | 3/1/22          | 2/28/24        | 1        | Mayor        |
| 6  | F   | 5  | 6.           | <u>Landscape Architect</u>         | <u>Phoebe Erin Bogert</u> | <u>3/1/23</u>   | <u>2/28/25</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Mayor</u> |
| 6  | F   | 2  | 7.           | <u>Architect</u>                   | <u>Ben Gist</u>           | <u>3/1/23</u>   | <u>2/28/25</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Mayor</u> |
| 6  | F   | 1  | 8.           | Urban Designer                     | Erica Bush                | 3/1/22          | 2/28/24        | 1        | Mayor        |
| 6  | F   | 6  | 9.           | <u>Transportation Planner</u>      | <u>Kevin O'Neill</u>      | <u>3/1/23</u>   | <u>2/28/25</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Mayor</u> |
| 6  | F   | NA | 10.          | Fine Artist                        | Elizabeth Conner          | 3/1/22          | 2/28/24        | 2        | Mayor        |
|    |     |    |              |                                    |                           |                 |                |          |              |
|    |     |    |              | <u>Chair</u>                       | <u>Jill Crary</u>         | <u>3/1/23</u>   | <u>2/28/24</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Mayor</u> |

| SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART |      |        |             |          | (1)   | (2)                           | (3)                 | (4)                                     | (5)   | (6)                            | (7)                 | (8)               | (9)         |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                                 | Male | Female | Transgender | NB/ O/ U | Asian | Black/<br>African<br>American | Hispanic/<br>Latino | American<br>Indian/<br>Alaska<br>Native | Other | Caucasian/<br>Non-<br>Hispanic | Pacific<br>Islander | Middle<br>Eastern | Multiracial |
| Mayor                           | 4    | 5      |             | 1        |       |                               |                     |   | 1     | 9                              |                     |                   |             |
| Council                         |      |        |             |          |       |                               |                     |   |       |                                |                     |                   |             |
| Other                           |      |        |             |          |       |                               |                     |   |       |                                |                     |                   |             |
| Total                           | 4    | 5      |             | 1        |       |                               |                     |   | 1     | 9                              |                     |                   |             |

## 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.*