



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Mariska Kecskés</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Get Engaged Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Specify appointing authority</i>	Term of Office: <i>09/01/2015 to 8/31/2016</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Madison Valley</i>	Zip Code: <i>98112</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Legislated Authority: <i>SMC 3.14.920</i>		
Background: <i>Mariska is working on her Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy degree from the Central European University and a BA in Philosophy from Seattle University.</i> <i>Mariksa has extensive urban forest restoration experience and in her role as WCC restoration associate Forterra she coordinates restoration work parties and supervises volunteer groups ranging from 10 -200 participants. Mariska is responsible for volunteer recruitment and outreach and event logistics. She has supported City of Seattle programs including the Green Seattle Partnership, Tree Ambassador Project, Trees for Neighborhoods Project, Duwamish Alive, and the Cedar River Stewardship in Action Program.</i> <i>Mariska's thesis is about the distribution of Seattle's trees in regards to race and income, and how cities can incorporate social justice principles in their city planning, especially in regards to urban forestry.</i> <i>Mariska's restoration experience and urban forestry social justice research will be an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission. Mariska is being appointed to a one-year term ending September 1, 2016.</i>		
Date of Appointment: <i>6/29/2015</i>	Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Mayor Edward B. Murray</i>

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MARISKA KECSKÉS

EDUCATION

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
MSC ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & POLICY

Anticipated graduation: Summer 2015
Cumulative GPA: 3.7

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY | SEATTLE, WA
BA PHILOSOPHY (2008-2012)

GPA: 3.7
Magna Cum Laude | University Honors Program | National Security Education Program Boren Scholar | SU Naef Scholar

WORK EXPERIENCE

WCC STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATE | FORTERRA, SEATTLE WA
SEPTEMBER 2013- AUGUST 2014

- Regularly coordinated restoration work parties and supervised volunteer groups ranging from 10-200 participants; was responsible for volunteer recruitment and outreach, ordering materials, day-of-event logistics, and post-event reporting in access databases and Raiser's Edge.
- Attended various outreach and tabling events for volunteer recruitment; gave presentations about Green City partnerships and stewardship programs; spoke at community meetings and schools for program recruitment.
- Responsible for developing outreach materials using InDesign and Publisher; managed social networks and helped draft regular newsletters using Blackbaud NetCommunity Spark.
- Supported various programs including the Green Seattle Partnership, City of Seattle's Tree Ambassador Program, Duwamish Alive, and the Cedar River Stewardship in Action program. All of these projects required close coordination with partner agencies, including city departments, other non-profits, and private companies

WCC RESTORATION CREW MEMBER | FORTERRA, SEATTLE WA
OCTOBER 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2013

- Lead restoration volunteer events, including invasive removal with young students and adults, planting and staking demos for land stewards, trail building with corporate groups, and assisting the City of Seattle with their annual tree giveaway. Events included an educational component as well as tool safety demonstrations.
- Restored various green spaces and wetland areas around King County through invasive plant removal, live staking, planting, monitoring. Restoration was done manually, with power tools, as well as through herbicide application.
- Completed other various projects such as trail building and maintenance, retaining wall construction, fence building, site surveying and erosion control.

FIRST GENERATION PROJECT TUTOR | SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, SEATTLE WA
SEPTEMBER 2009 – APRIL 2010

- Helped first-generation and foster students with homework; worked with high school students on college applications and essay writing.
- Coordinated a panelist discussion with other tutors for a College Preview Day organized to introduce first generation students to the college experience.

OFFICE ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE WA
JULY 2009 – AUGUST 2010

- Supported the entire office by troubleshooting technological problems, filing, data entry, answering phones, and ordering supplies.
- Tracked and recorded financial documents for the Department of Global Health; effectively coordinated between coworkers and departments to complete record reconciliation.

SKILLS

Word, Excel, Access, Raiser's Edge, InDesign, Photoshop | ArcGIS and GPS experience | WFR & SRT1 certified

Urban Forestry Commission

Ten (10) Commission members: Per *S.M.C. 3.14.920*, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3 and 1 year terms:

- 4 City Council-appointed
- 5 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Urban Forestry Commission:

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	1.	Wildlife Biologist	Steve Zemke	2-18-14	12-01-16	1 st	Council
6	F	2.	Urban Ecologist	Donna Kostka	4-28-14	12-01-16	1 st	Mayor
6	M	3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Dr. Gordon Bradley	12-01-12	12-01-15	2 nd	Council
5	M	4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Richard Martin	12-1-14	12-1-17	1 st	Mayor
6	M	5.	Arborist	Leif Fixen	12-1-14	12-1-17	2 nd	Council
6	M	6.	Landscape Architect	Tom Early	12-1-14	12-1-17	2 nd	Mayor
6	F	7.	NGO representative	Joanna Nelson de Flores	6-16-14	12-1-15	1 st	Council
6	M	8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Jeff Reibman	12-1-12	12-1-15	2 nd	Mayor
6	M	9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Erik Rundell	2-11-14	12-1-16	2 nd	Commission
6	F	10.	<i>Get Engaged</i>	<i>Mariska Kecskés</i>	9-1-15	8-31-16	1 st	Mayor

Diversity Chart:

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

Key:

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

**G List *gender*, M or F

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