



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Vinita Sidhu		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Seattle Design Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> Chair
<b>X Appointment OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<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> mm/dd/yy.	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 3/1/2022 to 2/28/2023  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Fremont	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98109	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b>  <i>Ms. Sidhu is a Principal in Site Workshop, a Seattle based Landscape Architecture firm. Vinita has a 20+ year career in landscape architecture, acting as lead designer for signature private and publicly funded projects in Seattle and the Pacific NW. Her work includes work at Children's Hospital, Federal Detention Center, UW Medical Center, Lakeside School, as well as a broad range of hospitals, parks and other public facilities.</i>  <i>Vinita has an extensive history in public and professional service including work with the Landscape Architecture Foundation, Mary's Place, Seattle's Office of Arts and Culture, and as a guest lecturer at University of Washington.</i>  <i>Vinita has a Masters' Degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard, and Bachelor Degrees in Art History and Design of the Environment from University of Pennsylvania.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>   <b>Date:</b> 3/2/2022		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

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

# Resume

## Vinita Sidhu, PLA ASLA

Partner, Site Workshop



### Education

**Harvard University Graduate School of Design**  
Master of Landscape Architecture, 1998

### University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts, 1995  
Art History and Design of the Environment

### Registration

Landscape Architect: Washington No. 949

### Professional Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects

## Select Project Awards

### Helen Sommers Building

AIA Washington Civic Design Honor Award, 2018

### WSU North Puget Sound at Everett

AIA Washington Civic Design Award, 2019  
Building Design & Construction's Building Team Awards, Silver Award, 2018

### Renton Library

AIA Seattle Award of Honor, 2017  
AIA Washington Civic Design Honor Award, 2017  
AIA/ALA Library Design Award, 2016  
Chicago Athenaeum, American Architecture Awards, 2016

### Seattle Children's Hospital Building Hope

Healthcare Design, Landscape Architecture Award for Health Care Communities, Silver, 2014  
Major Institution Master Plan and Building Hope, ENR Northwest Best Projects, Healthcare, 2013  
Major Institution Master Plan and Building Hope, Modern Healthcare Design Awards, Award of Excellence, 2013

### Federal Center South, USACE District Headquarters

AIA COTE Top 10 Plus Award, 2015  
US General Services Administration Citation Award, 2014  
Design-Build Institute of America Award, 2013  
AIA NW/Pacific Region Civic Design Award, 2013  
National AIA COTE Top 10 Award, 2013

### UW Medical Center Expansion

Northwest Construction Consumer Council Distinguished Project Award for Public Projects Over \$10 Million, 2012

## Professional Recognition & Boards

### Seattle Design Commission

Landscape Architect Commissioner, 2018 - 2020  
Public Art Advisory Committee, 2020

### Landscape Architecture Foundation

Perspectives bio feature, January 2018

## Volunteer Committees, Lectures & Panels

### Landscape Architecture Foundation

2019 Fellowship for Innovation and Leadership, Juror  
2017 Olmsted Scholars Webinar, Speaker

### WASLA Conferences

2018 "Wellness through Community Based Design", Lead Speaker  
2019 "Design Build and the Landscape Architect", Speaker  
2020 "Beyond Inclusive Design: Creating a welcoming, nature-based park for all", Lead Speaker

### AIA Seattle

2019 "Learning Landscapes", Panelist  
2017 "Extraordinary Playscapes", Guest Curator

### University of Washington College of Built Environments

2018 Intro to Landscape Architecture, Guest Lecturer  
2018 Women Leading in Landscape, Panelist

### Seattle Architecture Foundation

2012 Expanding Your Horizons Conference, Teacher

### City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

2019 "Creative Parks for Healthy Communities", Speaker

### City of Seattle Office of Arts and Culture

2015 South Transfer Station Phase II Public Art, Selection Committee  
2011 Burke Gilman Trail Public Art, Selection Committee  
2008 Seattle Center Skate Park Public Art, Selection Committee

### The Block Project

2018-2019, Block Home #010, Garden Designer

### Mary's Place

2017 Outdoor Play Space, Designer

### B.F. Day Elementary

2017-2018 Finding Urban Nature Audubon Program, Teacher  
2016-2017 Playground Committee Chair

### Friends of Fremont Peak Park

2007-2013 Steering Committee Member

### Phinney Neighborhood Pre-School Co-op

2010-2011 Board Member



## Select Project Experience

### Affordable Housing

**Jazz House** Seattle WA  
**Africatown Plaza** Seattle WA

### Civic

**Federal Center South Building 1202** Seattle WA  
**State Capitol Campus Helen Sommers Building** Olympia WA  
**Fire Station 8** Seattle WA  
**SPU DWW South Operations Complex** Seattle WA  
**Olympia Transit Center** Olympia WA  
**Auburn Library** Auburn WA  
**Fife Library** Fife WA  
**Kent Panther Lake Library** Kent WA  
**Renton Library** Renton WA  
**Sedro-Wooley Library** Sedro-Wooley WA  
**Origami Theater Garden Tempe Transportation Center** Tempe AZ

### Healthcare

**Swedish Medical Center First Hill Expansion** Seattle WA  
**Seattle Children's Hospital Building Hope Expansion** Seattle WA  
**UW Medical Center Montlake Tower Expansion** Seattle WA  
**Valley Medical Center** Covington WA

### Higher Ed

**UW Population Health Facility** Seattle WA  
**UW Architecture Hall** Seattle WA  
**UW Denny Hall** Seattle WA  
**Everett Community College Liberty Hall** Everett WA  
**WSU North Puget Sound at Everett Academic Center** Everett WA

### Historic Landscapes

**PSE Baker Club House Visitors Center** Concrete WA  
**PSE Snoqualmie Restroom** Snoqualmie WA  
**Cape Disappointment State Park Design Guidelines** Ilwaco WA  
**Mukilteo Lighthouse Park Master Plan** Mukilteo WA  
**Mosquito Fleet Trail Master Plan** Kitsap County WA  
**Iron Horse State Park Master Plan** WA

### Parks & Open Space

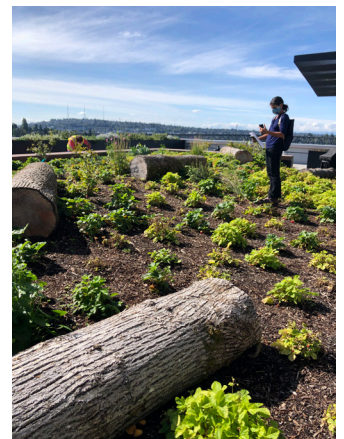
**Garfield Super Block Legacy and Promise Promenade** Seattle WA  
**The Eli's Park Project** Seattle WA  
**Ernst Park** Seattle WA  
**9th St Park Concept Plan** East Wenatchee WA  
**Kiwanis Methow Park** Wenatchee WA  
**San Antonio River Public Art Master Plan** San Antonio TX  
**Island Garden at Long Key Natural Area** Broward County FL  
**Old Mill Park** Silverdale WA  
**Lake Oswego Open Space Plan** Lake Oswego OR  
**Kitsap County Bicycle Facilities Plan** Kitsap County WA

### K-12 Schools - Private

**Seattle Country Day School** Seattle WA  
**Seattle Girls School** Seattle WA  
**Seattle Academy of Arts & Sciences STREAM Building** Seattle WA  
**Lakeside Upper School** Seattle WA  
**St. Thomas School Gymnasium** Medina WA  
**Three Cedars Waldorf School** Bellevue WA

### K-12 Schools - Public

**Tacoma Green Schoolyards** Tacoma WA  
**Viewlands Elementary** Seattle WA  
**Rainier Beach High School** Seattle WA  
**Mercer International Middle School** Seattle WA  
**Van Asselt School Addition** Seattle WA  
**Hazel Wolf K-8 STEM School Field** Seattle WA  
**Green Lake Elementary School Active Space Master Plan** Seattle WA  
**John Hay Elementary Playground Improvements** Seattle WA  
**B.F. Day Elementary Playground Improvements** Seattle WA  
**John Stanford International Elementary Improvements** Seattle WA  
**Sacajawea Elementary Playground Improvements** Seattle WA  
**Lynnwood Elementary** Lynnwood WA  
**Mountlake Terrace Elementary** Mountlake Terrace WA  
**Spruce Elementary** Lynnwood WA  
**Liberty High School** Renton Highlands WA  
**Skyline Highschool Stadium** Sammamish WA



# Seattle Design Commission

The Seattle Design Commission is comprised of 10 members, all of which are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Commissioners serve a two-year term and are eligible for one reappointment. Commissioners include 2 licensed architects, a fine artist, an at large member, and at least one (but not more than two) members from the following professions:

- Urban planner
- Environmental or Urban Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Licensed Engineer

The commission also participates in the YMCA's Get Engaged program. Names in bold are being appointed and names in red are being reappointed.

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	3	1.	Urban Planner	Adam Amrhein	3/1/21	2/28/23	1	Mayor
			2.	Get Engaged	vacant				Mayor
			3.	Engineer (Civil/Transportation)	vacant				Mayor
6	M	4	4.	At Large	Jill Crary	3/1/21	2/28/23	1	Mayor
6	M	6	5.	Architect	Matt Aalfs	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	Mayor
5	F	5	6.	Landscape Architect Chair appointment – 3/1/22-2/28/23	Vinita Sidhu	3/1/21	2/28/23	2	Mayor
6	F	6	7.	Architect	Elaine Wine	3/1/21	2/28/23	2	Mayor
5	F	1	8.	Urban Designer	Erica Bush	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	Mayor
6	F	6	9.	Planner (Civil/Transportation)	Amalia Leighton Cody	3/1/21	2/28/23	2	Mayor
6	F	NA	10.	Fine Artist	Elizabeth Conner	3/1/22	2/28/24	2	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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

## 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.*