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City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Rachel Gleeson</i>		CITY CLERK	
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Landscape Architect</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 1/30/2017	Term of Position: * 3/1/2017 to 2/28/2019	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Ravenna</i>	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.: 	
Background: <p><i>Rachel is a Senior Associate at Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates (MVVA), where she has worked since 2001. Her work engages a wide range of landscape types, including campuses, parks, and gardens. Notable projects include the Campus Landscape Framework for the University of Washington, the redesign of the North End of Union Square Park, Chelsea Cover of Hudson River Park, and the CRC Garden at Rockefeller University. She also supports a number of MVVA projects through design writing. Rachel's written work includes an essay on MVVA's urban plazas in Reconstructing Urban Landscapes, as well as other journal and magazine articles.</i></p> <p><i>Rachel received her Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College of Columbia University. She holds a Master of Architecture and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia and a Master of Art in Art History from the University of Washington. She is a licensed landscape architect in Washington State.</i></p>			
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Edward B. Murray</i> Mayor of Seattle	

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

RACHEL GLEESON, Senior Associate, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc.

EDUCATION

- 2000 University of Virginia – Master in Landscape Architecture
- 2000 University of Virginia – Master in Architecture
- 1994 University of Washington – Master of Arts, Art History
- 1992 Columbia College, Columbia University – Bachelor of Arts, Art History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2001 to date Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc., Landscape Architects, New York, NY
- 2000-2001 Halstead Welles Associates, New York, NY
- 2000 D.I.R.T. Studio, Charlottesville, VA
- 1998-1999 Gregg Bleam Landscape Architects, Charlottesville, VA

SELECTED PROJECTS WITH MVVA

- Houston Area Greenways Study, Houston, TX
- Bayou Greenways, Sims Bayou Trail: Stuart Park to Scott Street, Houston, TX
- A Vision for Boston Harbor, Boston, MA
- University of Washington Campus Landscape Framework, Seattle, WA
- University of Washington, Rainier Vista Conceptual Master Plan, Seattle, WA
- Princeton University Landscape Master Plan, Princeton, NJ
- Union Square Park North End Revitalization, New York, NY
- Conceptual Resource Center Garden, Rockefeller University, New York, NY
- Brooklyn Bridge Park Master Plan, New York, NY
- Segment 5, Hudson River Park, New York, NY
- Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) Open Space Master Plan, Brooklyn, NY

ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS, ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2012 “Design Approaches for Ecological Restoration: Strategies for Enhancing Marine (And Human) Habitat at Brooklyn Bridge Park,” *Ecological Restoration*, volume 30, No. 1, p. 71-75, (with Matthew Urbanski).
- 2009-present Participated in numerous design reviews of graduate and undergraduate work at UW College of the Built Environment, Departments of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- 2011 Presenter, *New Methods, New Materials, New Thinking – Innovations of the ARC International Wildlife Crossing Infrastructure Competition*, International Conference on Ecology and Transportation, August 23, 2011, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 “Toronto’s Lower Don Lands,” *Topos*, December 2010.
- 2009 *Reconstructing With Green Infrastructure*, delivered at the International Federation of

Landscape Architect's 46th World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2009 *Cornell University's Bailey Plaza, the Boston Children's Museum Smith Family Waterfront Park, and the North End of Union Square Park in New York City: A Landscape-Based Approach to the Design of Three Plazas*, included in *Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates: Reconstructing Urban Landscapes.*, edited by Anita Berrizbeitia.

2008 *Brooklyn Bridge Park: A Case Study*, delivered at the "Designing the Parks" Conference, San Francisco, California

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015-present Commissioner, Seattle Design Commission

2015-present Seattle Design Commission representative on the Public Art Advisory Committee

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AS A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

State of Washington

Seattle Design Commission

February 2017

Ten members:

Appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the City Council who serve a term of two years (*may be reappointed once*)

- 2 Licensed Architects
- 1 Fine Artist
- 1 Member at Large

And at least one and no more than two from the following categories:

- Professional Urban Planner
- Professional Environmental or Urban Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Licensed Engineer, plus
- 1 Get Engaged participant (City/YMCA program)

All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. (Chair is also appointed by Mayor for a *one-year* term, confirmed by City Council.)

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	F	1	Brianna S. Holan	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Urban Planner	Mayor
2	F	2	Jescelle Major	9/1/16	9/1/17	1	Get Engaged	Mayor
6	M	3	Thaddeus Egging	3/1/16	3/1/18	2	Engineer (Civil/Surface Water)	Mayor
6	M	4	Richard F. Krochalis	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	At Large	Mayor
6	M	5	Lee Copeland	3/1/16	3/1/18	2	Architect	Mayor
3	M	6	Rachel Gleeson	3/1/17	2/28/19	2	Landscape Architect	Mayor
5	M	7	John Savo	3/1/17	2/28/19	2	Architect	Mayor
6	M	8	Ben de Rubertis	3/1/16	3/1/18	1	Urban Designer	Mayor
6	M	9	Ross Tilghman (Chair appointment for 1 year)	3/1/17 (3/1/17)	2/28/19 (2/28/18)	2	Planner (Civil/Transportation)	Mayor
5	F	10	Laura Haddad	3/1/16	3/1/18	1	Fine Artist	Mayor

*Diversity

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)				
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latino/a	Native-American	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	6	4				1			1	8
Council										
Total	6	4								10

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