



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Sean Watts		
Board/Commission Name: Commissioner Seattle Park District Community Oversight Committee TE		Position Title: City Council District 5 Representative
<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>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 11/27/2018	Term of Position: * 4/1/2017 to 3/31/2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Northgate	Zip Code: 98133	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <i>Sean has a strong commitment to, and background in, bringing communities of color and underrepresented communities to the table. He has extensive experience in equity work with focuses on creating public spaces in communities that reflect the needs and wants of the people who live there.</i> <i>Sean's educational background in environmental science, combined with his experience and passion for community building, will provide great insight to the Park District Oversight Committee as they start to think about the next 6-year cycle of the Park District.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: Debora Juarez Councilmember	

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Diversity, equity and inclusion strategy for nonprofit, academic and public environmental organizations

- Strategic planning & program development
- Workforce development, recruitment and retention
- Grant program design, review process and administration

Convening and organizing communities and organizations, including: conservation and urban planners and practitioners; Policymakers; Communities of Color; Urban-rural interests

- Facilitating cross-cultural exchange
- Community capacity building
- Youth professional development programs
- Coalition building

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Advisory/Steering Committee Member:
 - Emerald Alliance; Regional Open Space Strategy
 - Open Space Equity Cabinet, KC Land Conserv Initiative
 - Capitol Hill Ecodistrict; Equity Working Group
 - Lake City Collective
 - UW Nature & Health Working Group
- Environmental Professionals of Color – Seattle Chapter
- City Parks Alliance
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Society of Restoration Ecologists
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society

EDUCATION

- PhD Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology (Sept 2005)
UC Santa Barbara– Santa Barbara, California
- B.A. Biology, minor Studio Art (June 1995) University of Virginia– Charlottesville, Virginia

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- **Seattle Parks Foundation organizational development (2015–Present)**

Helped transform SPF into a leader in equity work and agency coordination. Led training on diversity, equity, and inclusion and integration of equity into all staff roles.

- **Parks Partners Network, SPF, Seattle (2015–Present)**

Facilitated network of 60+ SPF community partners across Seattle to enhance and expand access to green spaces.

- **“Connected Public Space Systems” Program, SPF, Seattle (2015–Present)**

Established an adaptive management strategy for trust- and capacity-building in underserved neighborhoods. Convened community-led steering committees on open space planning in South Park, Georgetown, Rainier Beach and Lake City.

- **Stim Bullitt Excellence Fund, Seattle (2015–Present)**

Managed investment of roughly \$300,000 per year in community-centered parks improvements.

- **Little Brook Youth Corps, Seattle (2016–Present)**

Created paid youth leadership and restoration program focused on engaging underserved youth in stewardship in their own neighborhood (Little Brook). Established vertical mentorship model with restoration training from DIRT Corps and Technology & Community Engagement curriculum from Civic Tech Advocates with Open Seattle.

- **Lake City Collective, Seattle (2018–Present)**

Convened resident leaders in Lake City’s communities of color to create a unified voice among the many cultures of Lake City. The Collective will significantly increase the political agency of the residents being directly affected by the many public and private planning processes underway in Lake City.

- **Seattle Equity & Environment Initiative (2016–Present)**

Represented Seattle Parks Foundation as part of citywide initiative to better link a healthy environment with more equitable outcomes for City residents.

- **Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program, Seattle (2013–2014)**

Designed and launched program. Built network of 100+ NGO and agency partners as part of a 3-year immersion program designed to diversify the conservation workforce along ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, and disciplinary axes.

- **AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow (2011–2012)**

Designed and managed programs on diversifying natural sciences workforce. Strategic coordination for international science policy & research – Government-to-government negotiation in East and Southeast Asia and South America.

- **Faculty, Environmental Science, Santa Clara University (2005–2011)**

Taught environmental science, policy, conservation and restoration. Mentored undergraduate research. Created programs to diversify STEM education.

SELECTED RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Watts SM, MD George, DJ Levey. 2015. Achieving Broader Impacts in the National Science Foundation, Division of Environmental Biology. *BioScience*. 65: 397–407.

Kareiva P, SM Watts, McDonald R, Boucher T. 2007. Domesticated nature: Shaping landscapes and ecosystems for human welfare. *Science*. 316: 1866–1869.

RECENT INVITED TALKS ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN OPEN SPACE

Green Infrastructure Summit	16 Feb 2017
Regional Open Space Forum	29 Mar 2017
Audubon Neighborhood Flyways	6 April 2017
Northwest Nature & Health Symposium	26 Oct 2017
Urban Forest Symposium	15 May 2018

Seattle Park District Community Oversight Committee

15 Members: Pursuant to *Resolution 31759*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	3	1.	Board of Park Commissioners	Tom Byers	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
6	F	5	2.	Board of Park Commissioners	Jessica A. Farmer	4/1/18	3/31/21	2	Mayor
6	F	1	3.	Board of Park Commissioners	Kelly McCaffrey	4/1/16	3/31/19	2	Mayor
1	M	3	4.	Board of Park Commissioners	Marlon Dylan Herrera	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
3	F	1	5.	Commissioner	Jeniffer Calleja	4/1/17	3/31/20	2	Mayor
NA	NA	NA	6.	Commissioner	Vacant	NA	3/31/18	NA	Mayor
6			7.	Commissioner	Patt Copeland		3/31/20		Mayor
NA	NA	NA	8.	Commissioner	Vacant	NA	3/31/18	NA	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	City Council District #1	Mathew McBride	4/1/18	3/31/20	1	City Council
NA	NA	NA	10.	City Council District #2	Vacant	NA	3/31/19	NA	City Council
6	M	3	11.	City Council District #3	Marc Daudon	4/14/16	4/13/19	2	City Council
6	F	4	12.	City Council District #4	Dewey Potter	4/1/18	3/31/21	2	City Council
	M	5	13.	City Council District #5	Sean Watts	4/1/17	3/31/20	1	City Council
6	M	6	14.	City Council District # 6	Garet Munger	4/14/16	4/13/19	1	City Council
6	M	7	15.	City Council District #7	Steve Gillespie	4/14/16	4/13/19	2	City Council

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	7	5			1		1			9			1
Council													
Other													
Total	7	5			1		1			9			1

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.