




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Molly Spetalnick</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Get Engaged</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Term of Position: * 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p><i>Molly Spetalnick is an urban designer whose experience and education span urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design. Her varied background allows her to approach each urban design project from a variety of scales that benefit accessibility and equitable access, whether she is focusing upon the scale of the transit shed, the scale of the community, or the scale of ergonomic details that support universal design principles.</i></p> <p><i>Molly has had the opportunity to apply her Transit Oriented Development Masters research from the University of Texas to her work at Mithun and then at ZGF in Seattle. In her urban design work at ZGF, Molly has a passion for leveraging policy, architecture, landscape architecture, and community engagement to support the development of vibrant, affordable communities near transit stations. Molly splits her time between completing feasibility studies for affordable housing, contributing to pedestrian and bike improvement projects, engaging community groups, and supporting urban design teams across ZGF offices as they integrate urban design data into their workflow and human-centered design approach.</i></p> <p><i>Molly looks forward to the opportunity to contribute to the Seattle Design Commission through thoughtful review of projects' public benefit. She has experienced the value of the Commission's work through her work on the Pike Pine Streetscape and Bicycle Improvements Project during her time at ZGF, and she hopes to provide similarly useful direction to other projects alongside the talented group of current Commissioners.</i></p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 10/11/2022	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

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



EDUCATION

[GRADUATED MAY 2019] **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
Master of Architecture

[GRADUATED MAY 2014] **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**, LAMAR DODD SCHOOL OF ART
BFA in Interior Design, Graduated Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[SEPT 2021-PRESENT] **CITY OF SEATTLE, SEATTLE DESIGN COMMISSION**. GET ENGAGED COMMISSIONER, URBAN DESIGN. [SEATTLE, WA]
-Advises the Mayor City Council, and City departments on the design of capital improvements, projects, and policies that shape Seattle's public realm.

[AUG 2019-PRESENT] **ZGF ARCHITECTS**. URBAN DESIGNER, ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER. [SEATTLE, WA]
Sound Transit TOD Inventory:
-Completed code review and massing studies for Sound Transit surplus properties to review opportunities for affordable housing, market rate housing, office, and other applicable uses near transit.
-Collaborated with Hatch economists to weigh economic, social, and environmental benefits of development alternatives.
-Mapped walkshed and multimodal access to sites within ½ mile walkshed of transit stations.
Pike Pine Streetscape and Bicycle Improvements:
-Completed CD set and presentations for 30%-100% Design alongside SDOT, The Office of the Waterfront, and DSA.
Youth Achievement Center, Columbia City:
-Established a relationship between ZGF and Africatown Community Land Trust to provide pro bono conceptual massing studies and community engagement for the Youth Achievement Center in Columbia City.
-Underwent robust community engagement with youth community members, Community Passageways, and Creative Justice to carry youth vision through conceptual design process and Office of Housing funding submission alongside multi-office ZGF team.
-Completed Office of Housing funding package and prepared materials for Pre-App Conference with City of Seattle alongside urban design and architecture principals.
Oregon Metro Affordable Housing Assessment:
-Project Managed affordable housing massing study to drive consensus between Oregon Metro, the City of Lake Oswego, and the Clackamas County Housing Authority with guidance from UD principals.
Urban Design Tools & Technologies:
-Lead working group to support Urban Design teams and pursuits in all ZGF offices. Collaborate with Data & Strategy Team and Project Performance Team to share and solidify best practices in urban design data and tools use.

[MAY-DEC 2018] **MITHUN**. ARCHITECTURAL INTERN. [SEATTLE, WA]
-Collaborated with array of teams within interdisciplinary architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, and interior design firm
-Compiled GIS maps and organized submittal for winning West Seattle urban design and infrastructure RFP – Delridge/SPU
-Created visualization materials for architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design projects
-Completed SD presentations, 3D models, diagrams, and research with landscape architecture team for Mountain View, CA project.

[JULY 2014 - JULY 2015] **MARK WORD DESIGN**. LANDSCAPE DESIGNER. [AUSTIN, TX]
-Designed exterior spaces within collaborative and cross-disciplinary landscape architecture firm
-Engaged in permitting process and developed interest in the implications of land development code on the design of public space
-Coordinated design and construction within design-build landscape architecture firm and with architects, engineers, & subcontractors

[FEB 2015] **ARTISTREE HOMES**. FREELANCE DRAFTER [CYPRESS VALLEY, TX]
-Drafted permitting set for two eco hotel tree houses

[AUG 2013 - JULY 2014] **BORK DESIGN INC**. INTERN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER. [ATHENS, GA]
-Participated in design of energy efficient contemporary homes that address local material use and cost

[JAN 2013] **US INSPECT**. FREELANCE SITE SURVEYOR. [ATHENS, GA]

[DEC 2012 - JAN 2013] **LEVINO-JONES MEDICAL INTERIORS, INC**. INTERIOR DESIGN INTERN. [ATLANTA, GA]

PUBLICATIONS

- [2020] **21BB MODEL REGION BERLIN BRANDENBURG** EDITED BY BARBARA HOIDN AND WILFRIED WANG
-Contributed the section “Densifying the Köpenicker Landstraße: Transit Oriented Development as a Strategy to Densify Köpenicker Landstraße”
-Demonstrated the ability to accommodate a population increase of 117,500 people along a transit corridor through transit oriented development nodes that respect the fabric of their neighborhoods. This strategy, if applied across multiple transit lines, would help accommodate a population increase of 1.5 million people without sacrificing the character of Berlin’s urban neighborhoods.

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

- [2018-2019] **AIA COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS / BENEFITS LAW CENTER.** DESIGNER. [SEATTLE, WA]
-Designed the Justice Bus, a flagship mobile law office that provides social security advocacy for people with disabilities who are low income or experiencing homelessness. Mobile legal unit was designed with Erica Bush and David Judge.
- [OCT 2017] **CAMP ARANZAZU HURRICANE HARVEY CLEANUP.** UTSOA VOLUNTEER. [ROCKPORT, TX]
- [AUG 2016] **CODENEXT PUBLIC DISCUSSION: MOBILITY.** SCRIBE. [AUSTIN, TX]
-Gauged community use of transportation and presented findings of community engagement
-Organized public responses into categories that apply to new land development code
- [2010 – 2014] **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.** VOLUNTEER. [ATLANTA, GA; ATHENS, GA]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- [JAN - MAY 2019] **BARCELONA AND MADRID TRANSIT RESEARCH** FOR DANIELLE BRISCOE [SPAIN]
-Alongside the consortium for Cooperative Mobility for Competitive Megaregions (CM2), researched accessibility and user experience for pedestrian transit riders in metro stations throughout Barcelona and Madrid and in high speed rail stations that connect the two cities.
- [MARCH 2018 - MAY 2019] **RESILIENCE RESEARCH FOR FLOOD AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS** [MEXICO CITY, MEXICO]
-Traveled to Mexico City to conduct case study research about landscape, architectural, infrastructural responses to flooding, drought, subsidence, and failing water infrastructure
-Met with landscape architects who address on site water reuse and aquifer recharge
-Visited case study sites at landscape and architectural scale
-Met with nonprofits that install rainwater catchment systems in informal development areas
- [SEPT - DEC 2017] **BERLIN URBAN DESIGN RESEARCH** FOR WILFRIED WANG [BERLIN, GERMANY]
-Conducted urban design research to support Wilfried Wang’s research objectives for transit oriented densification for 2050 Berlin
-Designed an urban strategy for a 13 kilometer transit corridor and six served regions
-Conducted Space Syntax studies to quantify multimodal connectivity and to determine ideal block sizes for an existing urban typology
-Prepared boards for public opening in Berlin (2019), for the exhibition “urbainable-stadthaltig” at the Academy of Arts, Berlin (2020).
-Provided comprehensive research that will be shared with local politicians to inform opportunities to accommodate population growth.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- [FEB 2019] **TAU SIGMA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY** IN ARCHITECTURE & ALLIED ARTS
- [JUNE 2018] **SCHOLARSHIP FOR DESIGN FUTURES PUBLIC INTEREST DESIGN CONFERENCE** [DETROIT]
CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
- [MARCH 2018] **INDEPENDENT RESEARCH TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP** [MEXICO CITY]
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
- [DEC 2017] **DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD**
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
- [AUG 2017 - MAY 2018] **SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP**
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
- [MAY 2016] **DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINEE**
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

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
6	O	2	2.	Get Engaged	Molly Spetalnick	9/1/22	8/31/23	2	Mayor
5	F	5	3.	Engineer (Civil/Transportation)	Puja Shaw	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	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
6	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	2	7		1					2	8			
Council													
Other													
Total	2	7		1					2	8			

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.