




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Matt Aalfs		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Seattle Design Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> Architect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<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 2/28/2024  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Greenlake	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98103	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<p>Matt is the founder and principal architect of BuildingWork, an architecture and design firm based in Seattle. Matt has over two decades of professional experience, specializing in the design of civic and community facilities, adaptive reuse projects, and historic preservation. Matt founded BuildingWork in 2016 in order to focus directly on work that supports the health of cities, the environment, and culture.</p> <p>Since 2000, Matt has served as a visiting lecturer and design studio critic with the University of Washington Department of Architecture. He has recently served as a Director for the King County Library System Foundation, and on Seattle's ACT Theater Board of Directors. Matt earned a Master of Architecture from the University of Washington, and studied architecture in Rome, Italy, and at the California College of Arts. He received his B.A. in Art from the University of California, Santa Cruz and is an alum of the Urban Land Institute's Center for Leadership.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date:</b> 3/2/2022	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Bruce A. Harrell <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

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

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## Matt Aalfs AIA, LEED AP

Principal-In-Charge, BuildingWork

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## Representative Projects

### ADAPTIVE REUSE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- **Town Hall Seattle**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, renovation, adaptive reuse, and seismic retrofit of a Landmark 1916 church into a state-of-the-art performing arts and culture venue
- **Capitol Campus Buildings Restoration**, Olympia WA | Historic preservation, façade restoration, and roof replacement of the NRHP listed Capitol Court, Cherberg, and Insurance Buildings on the historic WA State Capitol Campus
- **Metropole Building**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, renovation, adaptive reuse, and seismic retrofit of an historic 1890's building into non-for-profit offices, child care center, and community space
- **Seattle Center Armory Exterior**, Seattle, WA | Exterior improvements of historic Landmark Armory building on the Seattle Center campus
- **760 Aloha**, Seattle, WA | Renovation, penthouse addition, and seismic retrofit of an historic 1949 warehouse into small-scale creative office spaces
- **Washington Park**, Seattle WA | Renovation, penthouse addition, and seismic retrofit of a 1896 historic building into office and commercial space
- **Good Shepherd Center**, Seattle, WA | Phased seismic retrofit and structural stabilization of a 1906 URM building and its subsequent additions housing a school, non-profit organizations, and a community center
- **Mukai Fruit Barreling Plant**, Vashon Island, WA | Structural stabilization and seismic improvements of a NRHP listed 1926 building
- **Queen Anne Exchange**, Seattle WA | Historic renovation, addition, adaptive reuse, and seismic retrofit of a Landmark 1920 telephone exchange building into multi-family housing
- **Beverly Bridge**, Central WA | Historic Preservation Consultant for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of 1909 steel truss bridge listed on the NRHP into a non-motorized, recreational crossing of the Columbia River
- **J&M Hotel**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, renovation, adaptive reuse, and seismic retrofit of an historic 1890's building into a boutique hotel



## Licenses and Certifications

- Registered Architect, WA
- LEED Accredited Professional, U.S. Green Building Council

## Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Institute of Architects, Local and National Chapters
- Board of Directors, King County Library System Foundation, 2018 – present
- Board of Directors, ACT Theater, Seattle, 2015 – 2021
- Member, Urban Land Institute Center For Leadership, 2012 – present
- Board of Directors, AIA, Seattle Chapter, 2013 – 2014
- Co-Chair, AIA Seattle Diversity Committee, 2010 – 2011
- Guest Lecturer, University of Washington Department of Architecture, 2001 – present
- Design Studio Instructor, University of Washington Architecture in Rome Program, Rome, Italy, 2001

## Education

- University of Washington, Master of Architecture, 1999
- University of California Santa Cruz, Bachelor of Arts, 1989; post-grad Certificate in Art, 1991

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- **Union Stables**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, renovation, penthouse addition, adaptive reuse, and seismic retrofit of a Landmark 1909 stable into a Class A office building\*
- **The Standard**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, addition, adaptive reuse, and seismic retrofit of a Landmark 1890 building into a creative office\*
- **Ainsworth & Dunn**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, addition, and adaptive reuse of a Landmark 1910 warehouse into a Class A office building\*
- **The State Hotel**, Seattle WA | Historic preservation, renovation, addition, adaptive reuse, and seismic strengthening of a Landmark 1915 building into a boutique hotel\*
- **1200 Third Avenue**, Seattle WA | Renovation and adaptive reuse of a Landmark 1920 telephone exchange building into a data center and office\*
- **Camp Sealth, Rounds Hall**, Vashon Island WA | Historic renovation and seismic retrofit of Landmark 1942 dining hall\*

## LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

- **La Conner Swinomish Library**, La Conner WA | New 5,000 sf public library
- **La Seattle Public Library Green Lake Branch**, Seattle WA | Renovation of the 10,000 sf Seattle Landmark public library
- **Langley Middle School Gym**, Langley WA | Seismic retrofit and structural stabilization of a 1950's gym on Whidbey Island
- **Rural Library Assessment**, Washington State | Capital needs assessment of 111 public libraries in Washington State's 21 rural, distressed counties
- **Pierce County Library System**, Pierce County WA | On-call services
- **Boulevard Park Library**, Burien WA | Renovation of 6,500 sf public library
- **Library Connection @ Southcenter**, Tukwila WA | Renovation and expansion of 4,500 sf public library
- **Bainbridge Public Library**, Bainbridge Island WA | Renovation and expansion of 12,500 sf public library
- **Skyway Library**, Renton WA | New 8,500 sf public library
- **Kenmore Library**, Kenmore WA | New 10,000 sf Public Library\*
- **Seattle Public Library Montlake Branch**, Seattle WA | New 8,500 sf library\*
- **Whitman Sherwood Athletic Center**, Walla Walla WA | 80,000 sf renovation and 10,000 sf addition of a state-of-the-art college athletic facility\*
- **Waiohuli Community Center**, Kula, Maui HI | Master plan of Waiohuli Community Center and implementation of the first phase of construction\*

## Press

- "Saving a building's soul, along with the heart of Town Hall Seattle" by Clay Eals, *Seattle Times*, August 15, 2019
- "Architect says city can keep old buildings even as construction booms" by Lynn Porter, *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*, February 24, 2017
- "A matter of preservation: One man bucks Seattle's new-build development spree" by Stacy Kendall, *Gray Magazine* No. 31, January 2017

## Awards

### PRESERVATION PROJECTS

- Historic Seattle Exemplary Stewardship Award, Town Hall Seattle, 2020
- Washington State Historic Preservation Office Awards, Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation, Union Stables, 2016\*
- Historic Seattle Best Rehabilitation Award, Union Stables, 2016\*
- NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Washington State, Redevelopment/Renovation of the Year, Union Stables, 2015\*

### LIBRARY PROJECTS

- AIA Northwest and Pacific Region Design Awards, Merit Award, Skyway Library, 2018
- AIA Washington Civic Design Awards, Citation Award, Skyway Library, 2018
- AIA Washington Civic Design Awards, Honor Award, Kenmore Library, 2012\*
- AIA Northwest and Pacific Region Awards, Citation, Kenmore Library, 2012\*
- AIA Seattle Honor Awards for Washington Architecture, Commendation, Kenmore Library, 2011\*
- AIA Seattle Honor Awards for Washington Architecture, Honor Award, Seattle Public Library Montlake Branch, 2008\*
- AIA Washington Civic Design Awards, Merit Award, Seattle Public Library Montlake Branch, 2008\*

*\*Projects completed under Matt's leadership at Weinstein AU*

# 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

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	(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.*