






City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Emily van Geldern</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Design Review Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Landscape Professional</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Joint Mayor & Council</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * <i>4/4/2022</i> to <i>4/3/2024</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Madrona</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: 
Background: <p>Ms. van Geldern is a certified Landscape Architect and Project Manager at Site Workshop in Seattle. Her projects include the Green Lake Community Boathouse, Seattle Girls School, and the Thomas Street Concept Plan. Previously, Ms. van Geldern was employed at Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects PC and Ennead Architects, both in New York City.</p> <p>Ms. van Geldern designs for the urban and public realms. She makes a conscious choice to increase the equity and resiliency of spaces through various scales of design. Additionally, she is a volunteer with ACE Mentors and The BLOCK project, which creates housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, and she has served on student government.</p> <p>Ms. van Geldern holds a bachelor’s degree in Urban Design and Architectural Studies from New York University and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned a Certificate in Horticulture from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: 5/31/2022	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: 5/31/2022	Appointing Signatory: <i>Dan Strauss</i> <i>Councilmember, District 6</i>	

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

EMILY VAN GELDERN, PLA

EDUCATION

The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Landscape Architecture, *magna cum laude*, May 2015

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY

Certificate in Horticulture, Fall 2011

New York University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Urban Design & Architectural Studies, May 2008

LICENSURE

Washington #1583

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Site Workshop, Seattle, WA

Landscape Architect/Project Manager, June 2018 - Present

- Landscape Architect for the permanent home of **Seattle Girls School** within the Central District, collaborating closely with faculty, students, and parents to create a unique campus rooted in the community that fosters the schools mission to develop courages and independent leaders.
- Landscape Architect for the redevelopment of the **Green Lake Community Boathouse**, creating an equitable connection to the lakshore with improved accessibility and visibility from Green Lake Trail which will increase interaction between the general public and the vibrant activity of the Green Lake rowing and paddling community.
- Design team member for the **Thomas Street Concept Plan**, initiated by community advocates to link the Cascade neighborhood through South Lake Union to the Seattle Center through an important east/west green street and public realm connection.
- Landscape Architect and Project Manager for the adaptive reuse of the historic Bleitz Funeral Home. The landscape of **Fremont Crossing** responds to the designated Seattle Landmark by preserving viewsheds through strategic planting, high quality materials, lighting, and a more gracious right-of-way for pedestrian and bike traffic.
- Design team member for a variety of mixed-use projects in the Seattle region including **Block 38** and **555 108th Ave NE** (Vulcan), **Arista Residences** (Greystar), and **223 Taylor Ave N** (Main Street Property Group).

Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects PC, New York, NY

Landscape Designer/Project Manager, August 2015 - April 2018

- Project Manager for the closure and capping of a 2.4-acre municipal landfill in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson. Led a team of cost estimators, geotechnical and civil engineers to rejuvenate this brownfield site into a passive and safe amenity for the Hudson Valley.
- Integral member of the Construction Documentation of Pier 55 in Manhattan, NY. Extensively 3-D modeled the proposed landscape features and grading using Rhino and Grasshopper for overall team coordination. Solely responsible for the 2-D generation of the planting plan, schedule, and detail portion of the drawing set.
- Lead Designer and Project Manager for two studies along New York's East River: an Environmental Impact Statement of the expansion of the East River Ferry System for the NYC Economic Development Corporation and Conceptual Pier Improvements at The Brearley School along the East River Esplanade.
- Design team member for a variety of projects in the New York region including the Master Plan for historic Wave Hill gardens in Bronx, NY; new Science Center at Horace Mann School in Bronx, NY; Main Street renewal in downtown Buffalo, NY; intensive roof garden for the New York Public Library's Mid-Manhattan Branch; and the public spaces of three mixed-use towers in Queens, Manhattan, and Newark.

Ennead Architects, New York, NY (formerly Polshek Partnership Architects)

Media/Strategic Communications Coordinator, May 2008 - June 2012

- Worked closely with the firm's principals on all publicity efforts, proposal responses, interview development and press outreach, including maintaining the firm's website and various social media outlets.
- Designed graphic material and press releases for award submissions and public presentations.
- Aided in all day-to-day marketing efforts of a 175-person design firm.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

PC + Mac operating systems literate

Fluent in AutoCAD, Rhinoceros, V-Ray, ArcGIS, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office, LandFX

Basic knowledge of Grasshopper, RhinoTerrain, and SketchUp

Hand drawing + model making

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Block Home Project, *Designer/Volunteer*, 2019

ACE Mentor Program of Washington, *Mentor*, 2018-2019

The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, *Teaching Assistant*, 2014-2015

The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, *Student Body and Departmental Representative*, 2013-2015

Brooklyn Bridge Park, *Zone Gardener*, 2013, 2011-2012

Greenery NYC, *Freelance Gardener*, 2013

The New York Botanical Garden, *Landscape Design Course*, Spring 2011

3rd Ward, *Urban Food Production for the Landless and Composting in New York City*, Winter 2010/Winter 2011

Color 4 Space, *Assistant*, June 2007-May 2008

Metropolis Magazine, *Editorial Intern*, September 2007-December 2007

Metropolitan Building Consulting Group, *Assistant*, May 2006-January 2007

HONORS

Faculty Medal in Landscape Architecture, The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, 2015

Susan Cromwell Coslett Traveling Fellowship, The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, 2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture, Philadelphia, PA

Brown Bag Lecture Series, *Beyond Boundary: Land Art of the American West*, September 2014

Supereview, *Connecting Moments of Transfer*, October, 2013

PennDesign, *Open House Panelist and Tour Guide*, 2013-2015

PUBLICATIONS

The University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture, *Gaborone Opportunity Report*, 2015

World Landscape Architecture Magazine, *Large Scale Projects & Ideas*, Edition 15, August 2014

PennDesign, *Landscapes in Process*, Edition 18, 2013-2014, pg 10

PennDesign, *Landscapes in Process*, Edition 17, 2012-2013, pg 39

INTERESTS

urban gardening, seasonal cooking, composting, soccer, home-brewing, sustainable architecture, camping, Japanese culture

Design Review Board

42 Design Review Board Members: Pursuant to SMC 23.41.008, *all* members are subject to City Council confirmation, *two-year* terms that may be re-appointed to a second term:

- **12** City Council-appointed
- **13** Mayor-appointed
- **15** Joint Mayor and Council appointed
- **2** *Mayor appointed per SMC 3.51 (Get Engaged)*

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Local Residential, DT	Bissen, Matthew	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
3	M		2.	Local Community, NE	Castaneda, Manuel	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	F		3.	Development, SW	Baxter, Brenda L.	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	F		4.	Business/Landscape, W	Montessor, Jen	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		5.	Local Residential, SW	Lirman, Johanna	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	F		6.	Business/Landscape, E	van Geldern, Emily	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		7.	Local Community, SE	Richmond, Lisa	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	M		8.	Development, SE	Germain, Stewart	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Council
6	M		9.	Local Community, NW	Johnson, Brian	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Council
6	F		10.	Local Business, NW	Bogert, Phoebe	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		11.	Design Professional, E	Gage, Gina	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Development, NW	DiJulio, Penn	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor
6	M		13.	Business/Landscape, DT	Luoma, Aaron	4/4/2020	4/3/2022	2	Mayor/Council
6	M		14.	Development, E	Bendix, Christopher	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
6	M		15.	Development, NE	Gunter, Christian	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Council
6	M		16.	Local Community, SW	Schaefer, Gavin	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Council
1	M		17.	Design Professional, NE	Lim, Kun	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Council
6	F		18.	Design Professional, W	Eckrich, Janell	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
3	F		19.	Local Community, W	Barrientos, Maria	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	F		20.	Development, DT	Dagliano, Carey	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
6	M		21.	Business/Landscape, SW	Cobb, Patrick	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
1	F		22.	Design Professional, SE	So, May	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Council
9	F		23.	Design Professional, NW	Watkins, Adrienne	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor

9	M		24.	Local Community, E	Reilly, Joe	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
1	F		25.	Local Residential, NW	Lin, Christina	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor/Council
1	F		26.	Local Community, DT	Fortaleza, Che	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	F		27.	Development, W	Ratray, Tiffany	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	M		28.	Local Residential, NE	Carter, Tim	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
1	F		29.	Design Professional, DT	Li, Nicole	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	M		30.	Design Professional, SW	Grainger, Alan	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	M		31.	Business/Landscape, SE	Maritz, Benjamin	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		32.	Local Residential, W	Farkas, Allan	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		33.	Local Residential, E	Cannon, Michael	4/4/3021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		34.	Local Residential, SE	Maier, Daniel	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		35.	Business/Landscape, NE	Liss, Katharine	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		36.	Get Engaged	Hevly, Charlotte	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	1	Mayor (SMC 3.51)
6	M		37.	Local Residential, CA	Britt, Troy	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Council
1	F		38.	Local Community, CA	Hu, Quanlin	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	M		39.	Design Professional, CA	Floor, Jeffrey	4/4/2020	4/3/2022	2	Council
			40.	Development, CA	Vacant	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
3	F		41.	Business/Landscape, CA	Garcia, Ana Cristina	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor/Council
			42.	Get Engaged	Vacant	9/1/2021	8/31/2022		Mayor (SMC 3.51)

New Appointments
Re-appointments
Vacant

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	10	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	1
Council	9	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1
Joint	9	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	13	0	0	0
Total	20	20	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	29	0	0	2

Key:

***D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

****G** List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.