



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Tristan Fields</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>6 – Landscape Architect</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input 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: * 4/1/2024 to 3/31/2027 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>West Seattle</i>	Zip Code: <i>98116</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Tristan Fields (she/her) is deeply committed to ensuring Seattle’s urban forest serves and benefits all communities, particularly communities of color, immigrants, refugees, Native and Indigenous communities, and those with low incomes. Professionally, Tristan has served on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW ISA) for three years. During this time, she has actively engaged in research, dialogue, and initiatives focused on fostering inclusion within the field of arboriculture and beyond.</i> <i>Tristan is motivated to contribute to the Urban Forestry Commission’s efforts to create an urban forest that is not only sustainable but also accessible and beneficial to all of Seattle’s residents, regardless of their background or economic status. Her approach to this work is grounded in collaboration, empathy, and a firm belief in the power of inclusive decision-making</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): December 4th, 2024	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.

SUMMARY A highly experienced Consulting Arborist and Registered Landscape Architect, with an extensive background in planning, equity, and development.

EXPERIENCE

ARBORICULTURE, PLANNING & DESIGN

JANUARY 2021 TO
PRESENT

CONSULTING ARBORIST & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
LAND MEETS WATER LLC

Arborist: Municipal and development work including tree inventories, pre-design tree inspections, tree risk assessments due to construction impacts, best management practices construction details, summarized in full arborist reports, memos, and tree retention plans.

Design: Compliance design drawings including native compliance, residential design, and commercial development.

JUNE 2018 TO
2021

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER, CONSULTING ARBORIST & TREE RISK ASSESSOR
KPG INTERDISCIPLINARY DESIGN

Arborist: Municipal work including tree inventories, pre-design tree inspections, tree risk assessments due to construction impacts, best management practices construction details, summarized in full arborist reports, memos, and tree plans.

Design: Urban, planting, and landscape designer working on a multitude of streetscape projects throughout Washington State.

Specifications: Specification writing for the protection of large trees, unique streetscape features, and landscape design features.

Construction Oversight: Provided oversight on landscape installations. As an arborist, I assessed construction impacts on trees.

JANUARY 2017 TO
JUNE 2018

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
CASCADE DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

Design: Specialized in Stormwater projects, fluent in the stormwater manual for DOE, Seattle, and WSDOT. Clients included the city of Seattle and WSDOT. Also worked on numerous schools, specializing in planting layout and wetland design.

FEBRUARY 2015
TO JANUARY 2017

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER, UNITED STATES
BIOTOP NATURAL POOLS INC.

Design: Designed technical wetlands and waterways for private clients. The systems, based in European code, used wetlands, proprietary binders, and simulated wetlands to create clean bath-able water.

OCTOBER 2014 TO
FEBRUARY 2015

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
ERVIN LOVETT MILLER (CHRIS OVERDORF)

Design: Landscape Designer on the San Diego Zoo, Africa Rocks project. Worked from design development to construction documents.

JUNE TO
SEPTEMBER 2013

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
WH PACIFIC

This internship included design and development of planting plans, a bicycle feasibility study, 20 environmental exhibits for Oregon DOT, a master plan, and graphic design images.

Skills: Adobe Creative Suite, Office, and CAD to create excellent communication pieces.

EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

Tristan Fields

JUNE 2011 TO
JUNE 2014

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Spring Plants Graduate Fellow: Primary teacher for a class of graduate and undergraduate students in a plant identification course. Taught 2 classes per week.

Principles of Applied Ecology Graduate Fellow: Teaching Fellow for an intensive applied ecology course.

MARKETING BACKGROUND

MARCH 2003 TO
SEPTEMBER 2010

MARKETING COORDINATOR / GRAPHIC DESIGNER

INCLUDES WORK AT: WEB MD; CITY OF PORTLAND; MAUL, FOSTER, & ALONGI; AND INTEGRAL CONSULTING

Developed marketing materials & layouts of public documents with Adobe Creative Suite.

Coordinated marketing programs representing consultants nationwide. Designed RFP's for over 20 projects, winning 75%.

PLANT KNOWLEDGE

MARCH 2003 TO
FEBRUARY 2006

HORTICULTURIST & MARKETING SWANSONS NURSERY

Gained extensive plant knowledge by selling plants to the public on the weekends. During the week, coordinated all aspects of the seminar & events program. Doubled the number of seminar & workshop offerings (to almost 200 a year) & increased attendance by 40% through an intensive online marketing campaign.

MARCH 2002 TO
MARCH 2004
& DECEMBER 1999
TO APRIL 2000

HORTICULTURIST BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Garden Intern & Plant Curator: Managed a volunteer curatorial team & worked as a liaison with garden partners while working in the garden to gain plant knowledge.

APRIL 2000 TO
MARCH 2002

HORTICULTURIST FILOLI HISTORIC ESTATE

Garden Apprentice & Plant Curator: 2 years in an intensive horticulture training program. Increased curatorial efficiency by 50% by designing FileMaker Pro Database. Managed a small team of volunteers.

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATES & SKILLS

EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture:
University of Oregon, 2014

Bachelor of Liberal Arts:
The Evergreen State College, 1999

CERTIFICATES

Tree and Plant Appraisal Qualification,
2024

ISA Municipal Arborist, 2023

Registered Landscape Architect, 2021

ISA Qualified Tree Risk Assessor, 2019

ISA Licensed Arborist, 2018

Irrigation Design Certificate, Rainbird

Certified Erosion & Sediment Control
Lead: AGC Education Foundation, WA

Low Impact Development Certificate:
Washington State University, WA

Environmental Rehabilitation Certificate:
Peninsula College, WA

COMPUTER SKILLS

(PROFICIENCY, OUT OF 5 STARS)

- AutoCad *****
- Bluebeam***
- Creative Suite *****
- ArcGIS **
- MS Office *****
- SketchUp***
- MicroStation**

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Mayor	2	3			1	1	1			2			
Council	1	1								1			1
Other	1											1	
Total	4	4			1	1	1			3		1	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.