



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Lauren Squires		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Planning Commission		Position Title: Member, Position 4
<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:		Term of Office: Term start date 4/16/16 Term end date 4/15/19
Residential Neighborhood: Rainier Valley	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: (360) 431-9665
Legislated Authority: <i>SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission</i>		
Background: Lauren previously served on the Seattle Planning Commission as a Get Engaged Member. She brings a unique voice to the Commission as a Rainier Valley resident, car-free millennial, ADU inhabitant, active transportation specialist and community advocate. Lauren is eager to serve the city with her skills in land use and transportation planning, community engagement and on-the-ground experience as a neighborhood advocate. Through Lauren's involvement in transportation safety advocacy work in the Rainier Valley, she has deep experience collaborating with, listening to and building partnerships with diverse communities of people.		
Date of Appointment: 4/27/16	Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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February 26, 2016

Vanessa Murdock
Executive Director
Seattle Planning Commission
City of Seattle
Office of Planning and Community Development
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Subject: Seattle Planning Commission Letter of Interest

Dear Ms. Murdock and Selection Committee:

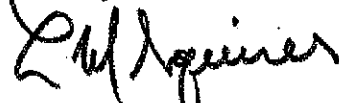
I am eager to submit my qualifications for serving on the Seattle Planning Commission (SPC) beginning in April 2016. During my term on the SPC through the GetEngaged program, I was an active part of the Commission's work on Seattle's Comprehensive Plan Update including advising on the Growth Strategy, Equity Analysis and review of the Transportation and Land Use elements. I particularly enjoyed reviewing plans and policies through the lens of maximizing the benefits of City investments in coordination with anticipated growth to support Seattle's inclusivity, affordability and livability. I am invested in creating an equitable Seattle, as that will be a key to the success of our city. I found my work with the Commission incredibly important and rewarding. Thus I'm drawn back to seek a full-term of service.

I bring a unique voice to the Commission as a Rainier Valley resident, car-free millennial, ADU inhabitant, active transportation specialist and community advocate. I'm eager to serve our city with my skills in land use and transportation planning, community engagement and on-the-ground experience as a neighborhood advocate. Through my involvement in transportation safety advocacy work in the Rainier Valley, I have deep experience collaborating with, listening to and building partnerships with diverse communities of people. While as a Commissioner I would maintain a "whole-city view point," I am eager to speak to issues such as multimodal transportation system implementation, displacement and housing affordability, and integrating health and equity into the built environment. My ability to engage with the broad spectrum of disciplines and communities integral to citywide planning and policy development will strengthen the Commission's discussions and analyses.

Amid the transformation we are experiencing as a city, I'm invested in the Commission's work of championing great city planning to shape Seattle's growth to achieve equity and vibrant livability for all. I look forward to this volunteer commitment and am available for the full-term of the appointment. Please consider my application for this position and my attached resume. I'd like the opportunity to meet with you and members of the selection committee to discuss the appointment in greater detail.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Lauren M. Squires

Enclosure

LAUREN SQUIRES

Active Transportation Planner, Rainier Valley Resident

Education

BA, Urban Planning and Sustainable Design
Western Washington University, 2011

Comprehensive Bicycle Design and Engineering 1.0, Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation, Portland State University, Summer 2014

Associations/Involvement

Member, Seattle Planning Commission, 2014-2015

Member, Urban Land Institute

Member, Association of Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals

Presenter, Complete Streets Trainings, SW Washington Region, September 2014

Member, U District Partnership: Urban Design and Development Committee 2012-2014

Community Advocate, Rainier Valley Neighborhood Greenways

Local Host Committee, International Bicycle Urbanism Symposium, University of Washington, June 2013

Huxley College of the Environment, Dean's Distinguished Scholar Award, Spring 2011

Lauren is an urban planner, active transportation specialist and community advocate enthusiastic about inclusive, livable places. A strong team member offering a range of strategic planning, policy development, bicycle and pedestrian design, facilitation and writing skills, Lauren works on projects ranging from complete streetscape concepts to multimodal transportation planning to community planning projects focused on health and equity. Lauren is passionate about urban systems and engaging complex issues to enhance quality of life in Seattle. A Rainier Valley resident, she regularly collaborates with diverse communities on neighborhood planning initiatives.

Commissioner, Seattle Planning Commission, 2014-2015

Land Use and Transportation Committee member. Actively participated in Seattle's Comprehensive Plan Update, including review of the Transportation and Land Use elements, Growth Strategy and Equity Analysis. Involvement in other policy review, including the Affordable Housing Linkage Fee, the Mayor's Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda, and neighborhood Urban Design Frameworks.

Urban Planner, MIG|SvR Design Company, 2013-Current

Multimodal and active transportation planning and implementation. Community and neighborhood planning working with historically underrepresented communities and supporting health and equity in the built environment. Non-motorized facility design, including protected bicycle facilities, multi-use trails, transit access and walkable streetscapes. Facilitation, design charettes and stakeholder involvement in planning and design projects. Climate adaptation and resilience planning. Relevant projects include:

- **SDOT Pedestrian Master Plan, Seattle, WA**

Seattle's long-term action plan to become the most walkable city in the nation. Updated prioritization methodology based on safety, equity and pedestrian demand—and built strategy and action policy recommendations—to focus pedestrian improvements on connections to the frequent transit network and schools, serving populations who rely on walking the most.

- **SDOT Bicycle Master Plan Implementation, Seattle, WA**

Developed and evaluated concepts for bicycle facilities and multi-use paths to create safe bicycle connections through heavy freight and transit corridors in West Seattle, SODO and Interbay/Ballard. Work included design charettes and stakeholder engagement in alternatives analysis.

- **Roosevelt Station Non-motorized Connectivity, Seattle, WA**

In preparation for the opening of the Roosevelt LINK light-rail station, developed a streetscape concept for safe pedestrian and bicycle station access. Concept included implementation of a neighborhood greenway and protected bicycle lane as identified in the SDOT Bicycle Master Plan.

- **University District Alley Activation Plan, Seattle, WA**

Prepared an alley activation plan analyzing short-term interventions and long-term transformations to foster active pedestrian and programmatic use of U-District alleys, including a street concept plan, prioritized recommendations and implementation process. Project included robust stakeholder engagement and community participation.

Seattle Planning Commission

Sixteen members: Per Seattle Municipal Code 3.64.010, 3.64.020, all subject to City Council confirmation, 2, three-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed (includes 1 Get Engaged member who serves a term of 1 year)
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Seattle Planning Commission

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
5	F	1.	Member	Lauren Craig	4/16/16	4/15/19	1	City Council
3	F	2.	Member	Eileen Canola	4/16/16	4/15/19	1	Mayor
6	M	3.	Member	Tim Parham	4/16/16	4/15/19	2	City Council
6	F	4.	Member	Lauren Squires	4/16/16	4/15/19	1	Mayor
5	F	5.	Member	Marjorie Press	4/16/16	4/15/19	2	City Council
1	F	6.	Member	Grace H. Kim	4/16/14	4/15/17	1	Mayor
6	F	7.	Member	Kara Martin	4/16/14	4/15/17	1	City Council
6	M	8.	Member	David Shelton	4/16/14	4/15/17	1	Mayor
6	F	9.	Member	Patricia Wilma	4/16/14	4/15/17	1	City Council
1	M	10.	Member	Michael Austin	4/16/14	4/15/17	1	Mayor
3	M	11.	Member	Julio Sanchez	4/16/15	4/15/18	1	City Council
9	F	12.	Member	Jaime Stroble	4/16/15	4/15/18	1	Mayor
2	M	13.	Member	Spencer Williams	4/16/15	4/15/18	1	City Council
3	F	14.	Member	Sandra Fried	4/16/15	4/15/18	1	Mayor
6	M	15.	Member	Jake McKinstry	4/16/15	4/15/18	1	Seattle Planning Commission
6	F	16	Get Engaged Member	Molly Esteve	9/2015	9/2016	1	Mayor

Diversity Chart:

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	6		5	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	1
Council	1	4		3	0	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0
Other	1	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	10		8	2	1	3	0	2	7	0	0	1

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M or F
- ***Other Includes diversity in any of the following: *race, gender and/or ability*