




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Ben Gist		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Design Commission		Position Title: Architect
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: 3/1/2025 to 2/28/2027
Residential Neighborhood: Rainier Valley/Columbia City	Zip Code: 98108	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <p>Ben is a Principal in the Seattle office of Carrier Johnson, a national architecture and design firm. Ben has over 20 years experience in the design and execution of mixed use and single purpose residential or commercial developments. Most of Ben's work has focused on new development in the Puget Sound area, with additional work on residential projects at University of California's Irvine campus. Ben has a strong commitment to professional development in his service in leadership roles at the Seattle chapter of the American Institute for Architects. Since 2017, Ben has also served on the Downtown Seattle Associations' Family-friendly downtown taskforce.</p> <p>Ben has a Masters' degrees in Architecture and a Bachelors' in Environmental Design from Montana State University.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: March 6 th , 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture
Montana State University

Bachelor of Environmental Design
Montana State University

LICENSING

Registered Architect, WA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- AIA Seattle Housing Task Force, Member 2018-present
- Downtown Seattle Association Family Friendly Downtown Taskforce 2017-present
- Montana State University School of Architecture Advisory Council, Member, 2007-2012
- New Rainier Vista Community Design Review, Board Member, 2007
- AIA Northwest and Pacific Region, Regional Associate Director, 2005
- AIA Seattle Board of Directors, Past Associate Director, 2004-2005
- AIA Seattle Open House Committee, Past Member, 2003-2006

BEN GIST, AIA

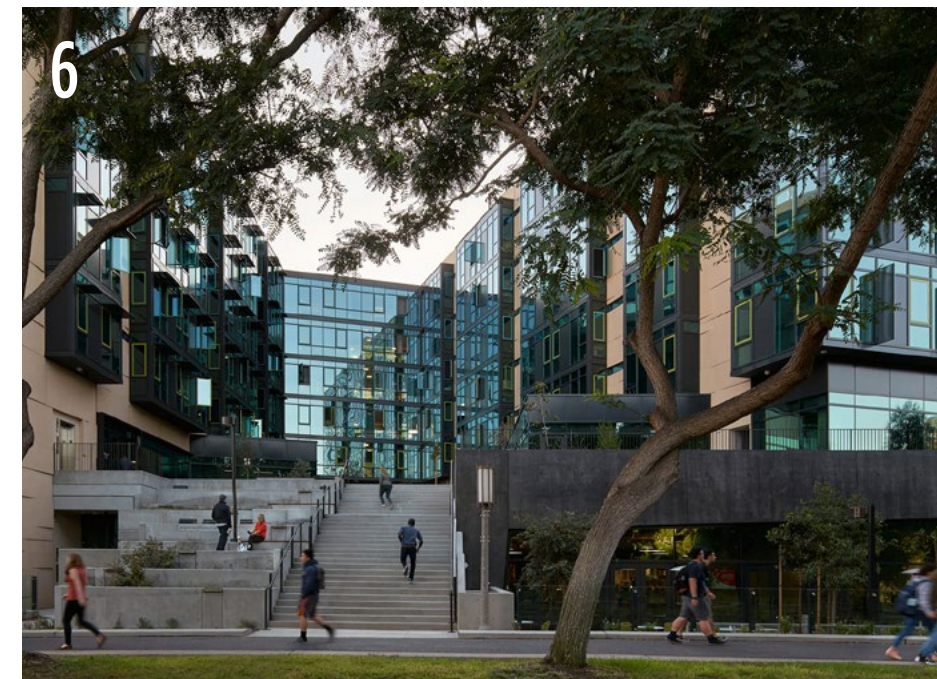
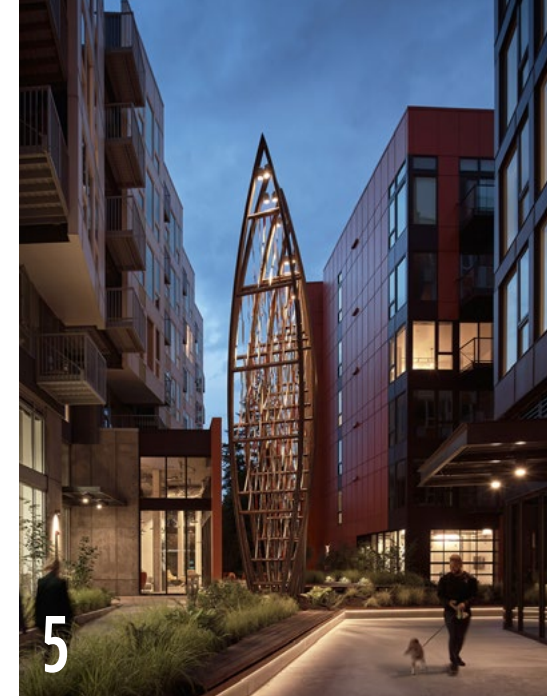
PRINCIPAL

With over 20 years of experience owning the full vertical of multi-family and mid-rise housing, Ben Gist has spent his career partnering with clients to find the perfect solutions to their unique challenges. A passionate champion of collaboration and open communication, Ben approaches each new project with a solution-oriented mindset, uniting all stakeholders—regardless of where they sit in the process.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1. 1661 Olive Way / Seattle, WA
2. Rose Hill Mixed-Use / Kirkland, WA
3. Everett Riverfront / Everett, WA
4. Pinehurst / Bellingham, WA
5. Arras Apartments* / Bellevue, WA
6. Middle Earth Towers* / UC Irvine, CA
7. JUXT* / Seattle, WA
8. Augusta* / Seattle, WA
9. The Huxley* / Seattle, WA

* Project completed at a previous firm



Seattle Design Commission

The Seattle Design Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on the design and environmental implications of City funded projects, projects seeking long-term or permanent use of a right of way, or public projects seeking City approval. The Commission is comprised of 10 members, as established by Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.58. Members serve a two-year term and are eligible for two consecutive terms' except the Get Engaged member who will serve a one-year term pursuant to SMC 3.51. All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

A Chair is also appointed on each year. The Chair is selected by Commissioners for appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council for a one year term.

New appointments are bold, reappointments in underline.

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	3	1.	Urban Planner	Raymond W. Gastil	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor
1	F	2	2.	Get Engaged	Caitlin Truong	9/1/24	8/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	4	3.	Engineer (Civil/Transportation)	Brian Markham	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Mayor
8	F	3	4.	At-large	Shirin Masoudi	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor
1	M	3	5.	Architect	Zubin Rao	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Mayor
<u>6</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>Landscape Architect</u>	<u>Phoebe Erin Bogert</u>	<u>3/1/25</u>	<u>2/28/27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>Architect</u>	<u>Ben Gist</u>	<u>3/1/25</u>	<u>2/28/27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>NB</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>Urban Designer</u>	<u>Molly Spetalnick</u>	<u>3/1/23</u>	<u>2/28/25</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>Transportation Planner</u>	Kevin O'Neill (Chair appointment for 1 year)	3/1/25 (3/1/25)	2/28/27 (2/28/26)	<u>2</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
6	F	3	10.	Fine Artist	Kate Clark	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	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	5	4		1	2					7		1	
Council													
Other													
Total	5	4		1	2					7		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.