




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Raymond W. Gastil		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Design Commission		Position Title: Urban Planner
x Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? x Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council x Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: * 3/1/2025 to 2/28/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: Leschi	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
<p>Ray has been an advocate for planning and urban design for over 30 years. He has served in a variety of positions in government, higher education, and in private practice, including Director for City Planning in Pittsburgh; City Planning Director in Seattle; Director of Manhattan Office, NYC Department of City Planning; Heinz Director for Urban Design and Regional Engagement, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon U.; Executive Director, Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture, New York.; and Writer and Researcher, Robert A.M. Stern Architects. New York.</p> <p>Ray recently returned to Seattle to start Gastil Works LLC, a planning and urban design consulting firm. Ray is currently involved in a variety of planning work including the Urban Land Institute's recently convened Technical Advisory Panels concerning transit oriented development opportunities at Sound Transit's proposed West Seattle to Ballard Light Rail Extension project.</p> <p>Ray recieved his Master's Degree in Architecture from Princeton University.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: March 4th. 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

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

RESUME: RAYMOND W. GASTIL AICP LEED AP ND

Gastilworks Planning & Design LLC - [REDACTED]
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Positions and Appointments

- Consultant, Gastilworks Planning & Design LLC. 2023 to present.
- David Lewis/Heinz Director for Urban Design and Regional Engagement, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon U. August 2019 to December 2022.
- Director of City Planning, City of Pittsburgh. April 2014 to July 2019.
- Howard Friedman Visiting Professor, College of Environmental Design, University of California Berkeley. August to December 2013.
- Stuckeman Chair in Design Innovation. Stuckeman School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Pennsylvania State U. August 2011 to July 2013.
- City Planning Director, Department of Planning & Development, Seattle. August 2008 to February 2010.
- Director, Manhattan Office, New York City Department of City Planning. January 2005 to July 2008.
- Executive Director, Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture, New York. August 1995 to December 2004.
- Director, Regional Design and Transit-Friendly Design, Regional Plan Association, New York. December 1991 to July 1995.
- Writer and Researcher, Robert A.M. Stern Archts. New York. 1985 to 1988.

Education

- Princeton University, Master of Architecture, Alpha Rho Chi Award.
- Yale University, Bachelor of Arts, Combined Literature, cum laude, distinction.

Committees, Professional Associations and Civic Activity

- Member, American Planning Association (APA) American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). 2007 to present.
- APA-Washington Puget Sound Section President-elect. 2025-2026.
- LEED AP ND accredited, 2012 to present.
- University of Washington, Landscape Architecture. Affiliate Faculty.
- Urban Land Institute Northwest. UrbanPlan volunteer. 2024 to present.
- Board, Riverlife, Pittsburgh. 2015 to present. Co-Chair Design Committee 2019 to present. Chair Governance Committee 2023 to present.
- Yale Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) volunteer. 2023 to present.
- Pittsburgh Historic Review Commission. Commissioner. 2014 to 2019.
- APA-Pennsylvania Awards Committee 2019 to 2023.
- Board, City as Living Laboratory (CALL). 2012 to present.
- Executive Committee, New York New Visions. 2000 to 2002.

Summary of Position Responsibilities

Gastilworks Planning & Design LLC

- Seattle-based consulting focused on planning, urban design, and the public realm. GPD is based in Seattle. Current work includes writing and research for transit-oriented development and urban mass timber initiatives.

Director, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

- Teaching and advising responsibilities engaged graduate and undergraduate students in architecture, urban design, and policy. Institute leadership engaged study, research, and advising regarding community engagement, future of urbanism and centers, regional resilience, mobility/land use, as well as health, equity, and climate change. Sponsored research included DOT-supported LINC (Linking Our Networked Communities), Better Boulevard Analytics, addressing mobility and urban design in regional corridors. Additional research included Community Building, New Local Mobility, and Resilient Regions and adaptive reuse as an urban practice. Working with other Schools, Colleges, and Centers included affiliation with Traffic21, faculty advisor for the urban and regional economic development concentration in the Master of Public Policy and Management program at Heinz College. As part of the UDream faculty team, secured planning grant for relaunching program designed to engage underserved communities in urban design and architectural education and practice. Produced on-line interview series Remaking Cities By Design.

City Planning Director, City of Pittsburgh

- Planning Department head. Led 50-person department comprising Strategic Planning, Zoning and Development Review, GIS, Sustainability and Resilience, and Civic Design and Public Art, and the ADA Coordinating office. Worked closely with Mayor's Office, City Council, County, and multiple departments. Staffed commissions and advisory boards including City Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Art Commission and Design Advisory Panel. Served on Historic Review Commission. Initiatives included: riverfront zoning; reinitiating neighborhood planning for communities throughout the city; comprehensive planning; cochairing Affordable Housing Task Force; serving on Steering Committee P4 (People, Planet, Performance, Place); Complete Streets initiative; Inclusionary Zoning Committee head; Hays Woods (Open Space) Task Force lead; OnePGH Housing co-lead. Multi-directional management and engagement key to initiatives including working with developers, architects, neighborhoods, and citizen coalitions, as well as City Authorities (Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Port Authority), City agencies including Mayor's Office, Parks, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, and Public Works.

City Planning Director, City of Seattle

- Led 45-member office leading long-range planning for City of Seattle. Key leadership on programs including Central Waterfront redesign and revitalization, Neighborhood Planning Updates initiated along new light rail line; citywide design and planning initiatives; area plans for City Center neighborhoods, and sustainable design. Coordinated with the Department of Neighborhoods, the station-area planning updates reached out to communities historically not engaged in planning process, incorporating a program of outreach liaisons to multiple language and cultural groups.

Director, Manhattan Office, New York City Department of City Planning

- Led 25-person office. Served on the leadership team for plan and rezoning of major projects including West Chelsea/Highline, integrating planning for a revitalized district and innovative public space, the 125th Street Corridor and Manhattanville in West Harlem, and the World Trade Center site and Lower Manhattan, West Side Yards (planning and design guidelines), Penn Station, the East River Waterfront, and Governors Island. Key projects included regulatory approaches to incentivizing affordable housing and the arts.

Executive Director, Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture

- Founding director of nonprofit institute to improve the design of the public realm through civic interaction with universities, city and state agencies, and design competitions, conferences, exhibitions, and publications.

Selected Publications

- "Value and Equity" Dialogue. *Climate Change and the Design of the Built Environment*. Michael Gamble ed. Kendall Hunt Publishing. 2023.
- "Adaptive Preservation: Lessons Learned from Challenges and Opportunities in Two Large-Scale Pittsburgh Projects." *PER, Journal of National Council for Preservation Education*. Volume 14. December 2021.
- Michael Baker International, Civic Design and Planning LLC (Steve Quick and Ray Gastil), Quaker Valley Council of Governments. "Redefining Regional Highway Corridors: Strategic Design Guide." PennDOT. October 2021.
- "Washington Avenue Waterfront Piers and District: A Resilient Land Use Cohort (RLUC) Virtual Advisory Services Panel, Urban Land Institute. Panelist.
- Complexity and Contradiction in the Transformation of Pittsburgh's Riverfronts," *River Cities*. Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard, 2018.
- "Promoting Equitable Development in Revitalizing Cities." American Planning Association National Conference. Speaker/Panelist. New York. May 2017.
- *Affordable Housing Task Force Report*. Affordable Housing Task Force with Grounded Solutions Network. Cochair Task Force. 2016.
- "The Good Life by Design: Reconsiderations," editor, special feature, *Arcade Magazine*. Seattle. June 2011.

Selected Conference, Panel, and Workshop Participation and Leadership

- National Urban Design Academic Group Roundtable, University of Texas, Austin, University of Miami. Miami. September 23-24, 2022.
- Bloomberg CityLab Amsterdam 2022. October 10-12.
- Metropolitan Innovation Summit Ruhr 2022. Dortmund, Germany. Speaker on innovation and regional resilience session September 2, Academic Panel September 3, 2022.
- RCI Program. "The Future Life of Sacred Places: Remaking Community Legacies." Panel Discussion. April 11, 2022. Coordinator.
- RCI Program. Remaking Cities by Design RCI series. Interviews with design leaders. Interviewer/Producer. Instagram. 2022.
- RCI Program. Coordinated David Lewis Lecture on Urban Design and Social Equity by Karina Ricks: "Taking Care: Towards Mobility Justice." October 2021.
- "Just Transition Platform: Carbon-Intensive Regions Seminar: Transatlantic Dialogue." Panelist. November 16, 2021.
- "University Community Engagement." Dialogue on relationship between diverse communities, universities, architecture, and potential for sustainable DEI-system, with HBCU, AIA, and NOMA. As UDream team co-director, contributed to organizing and facilitating. May 13, 2021.
- "Downtowns: Adaptive Reuse Project of the 2020s." Portland Society for Architecture, COVID-19: One Year Later series. March 5, 2021.
- "The Ecology of Our Public Life: with Walter Hood and Steward Pickett." Moderator. City as Living Laboratory (CALL). July 30, 2020.
- "Health by Design: Challenges for Urban Transformation" sponsored by Georgetown University's Global Urban Health Collaborative and Global Cities Initiative. February 25, 2020.
- "Policy and Programs in Pittsburgh." Intersections 2018: Pursuing Racial Justice through Housing Conference. Grounded Solutions. Pittsburgh. Speaker/Panelist. October 4, 2018.
- "Digital Innovation and the Future of Mobility in Cities." Urban Land Institute (ULI) Europe Leadership Retreat. Speaker. Rome. September 20-22, 2018.
- "Cape Town Scenarios: Design Urbanism." Institute for Arts and Humanities City Series Lecture. Pennsylvania State University. January 2013.
- Seattle Center/AIA Seattle, thenext50. Design Competition professional advisor and moderator for public events. Seattle. 2012.
- "Getting to the Tipping Point: How to be Smart." TechnoAsia, Smart Cities Conf., Keynote. Hong Kong. November 2010.
- "Beyond the Edge: Waterfronts." U. of Washington, Seattle. April 2004.
- "The Changing Face of Harlem." The Studio Museum in Harlem and the Doris and Lewis Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York City Public Library. Panelist. March 2004.
- Connections and Places: City Design/Seattle Design Commission Urban Design Forum, Keynote. June 2000.

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

	(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	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.