



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Molly Spetalnick</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Urban Designer</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: * 3/1/2023 to 2/28/2025 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Brighton/New Holly</i>	Zip Code: <i>98118</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Molly Spetalnick is an urban designer in the Seattle Offices of ZGF, an architecture and design firm with offices in Seattle, Portland, and 6 other cities in the US and Canada. Molly specializes in urban design outcomes that advance transit and transit-oriented development, mixed use projects, and master planning. Molly’s recent work includes site assessments for Sound Transit parcels for future development, public engagement on concept designs for Africatown Achievement center, and design work for the Pike Pine corridor. Molly has a master’s in architecture from University of Texas and a bachelor’s in interior design from University of Georgia. Molly recently completed an 18-month term as the Get Engaged Commissioner on the Seattle Design Commission. We’re pleased to see her transition into an additional two-year term with the Commission, filling a recent vacancy created by the resignation of Erica Bush as Urban Designer.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> Date Signed (appointed): 9/27/2023		Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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



EDUCATION

[GRADUATED MAY 2019] **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
Master of Architecture

[GRADUATED MAY 2014] **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**, LAMAR DODD SCHOOL OF ART
BFA in Interior Design, Graduated Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[AUG 2019-PRESENT] **ZGF ARCHITECTS**. URBAN DESIGNER [SEATTLE, WA]

SOUND TRANSIT 1000 NE 45TH SITE ASSESSMENT | URBAN DESIGNER

-Completed research, graphic production, code and spatial analysis for a site assessment of a Sound Transit owned parcel in the U-District, including the exploration of different building technologies (mass timber versus concrete and steel) and incentives within the Land Use Code (the Living Building Pilot Program, open space, childcare, and affordable housing bonus options).

SOUND TRANSIT TOD INVENTORY | URBAN DESIGNER

-Completed test fits for affordable housing, retail, townhome, and commercial uses for 24 Sound Transit surplus sites.

-Provided code and spatial analysis, 3D modeling, units and square footage, and walkshed mapping for presentations and reports to the Sound Transit Board.

AFRICATOWN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER | PROJECT MANAGER

-Provided pre-design visioning, stakeholder engagement, and massing studies for Africatown Community Land Trust's 65,456 SF Youth Achievement Center on two Sound Transit owned sites adjacent to the Columbia City Light Rail Station.

-Engaged community stakeholder groups from Community Passageways, Creative Justice, and the Youth Consortium for co-design process.

-Provided graphic representation for Office of Housing funding rounds.

CONFIDENTIAL MIXED-USE TOD MASTER PLAN | URBAN DESIGNER

-Currently providing urban design services for mixed use sustainable redevelopment of a 33-acre neighborhood and regional destination in Portland at the convergence of light rail, streetcar, and bus lines

STATES OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON INTERSTATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM STATION

CONFIGURATIONS & STATION AREA PLANNING | URBAN DESIGNER

-Currently evaluating numerous alternatives to replace an aging bridge across the Columbia River.

-Developing functional configurations for elevated and at-grade light rail stations with a focus on legible vertical circulation, fare paid zones, standards, and context-driven approaches.

-Working with local agencies and the community to consider high-capacity transit, interchange improvements, urban design impacts, travel lanes, bridge height, and multi-use connections that will result in a locally preferred alternative.

METRO, TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) STUDY | PROJECT MANAGER

-Served as Project Manager for a study focused on affordable housing in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

-Collaborated with Metro, the Portland Housing Bureau, and the City of Lake Oswego.

CITY OF SEATTLE PIKE PINE STREETScape AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS | URBAN DESIGNER

-Completed Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Design Services through Construction for a 23 block corridor connecting Seattle's Waterfront to the Capitol Hill neighborhood through Seattle's downtown retail zone.

-Coordinated art integration for elements of continuity and distinction with the Office of Arts and Culture, the Office of the Waterfront, artists, and engineers.

URBAN DESIGN TOOLS + TECHNOLOGY | LEAD

-Leads the Urban Design Tools + Technology Initiative for Urban Designers in ZGF's 6 offices.

-Serves as liaison between Urban Design and Data + Strategy Teams.

[MAY-DEC 2018] **MITHUN**. ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN DESIGN INTERN. [SEATTLE, WA]

-Collaborated with array of teams within interdisciplinary architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, and interior design firm

-Compiled GIS maps and organized submittal for winning West Seattle urban design and infrastructure RFP – Delridge/SPU

-Created visualization materials for architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design projects. Residential projects included mass timber affordable housing, mass timber student housing, and mixed use phased developments.

-Completed SD phase presentations, 3D models, diagrams, and research in collaboration with landscape architecture team

- [JULY 2014 - JULY 2015] **MARK WORD DESIGN.** LANDSCAPE DESIGNER. [AUSTIN, TX]
 -Designed exterior spaces within collaborative and cross-disciplinary landscape architecture firm
 -Engaged in permitting process and developed interest in the implications of land development code on the design of public space
 -Coordinated design and construction within design-build landscape architecture firm and with architects, engineers, & subcontractors
- [FEB 2015] **ARTISTREE HOMES.** FREELANCE DRAFTER [CYPRESS VALLEY, TX]
 -Drafted permitting set for two eco hotel tree houses
- [AUG 2013 - JULY 2014] **BORK DESIGN INC.** INTERN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER. [ATHENS, GA]
 -Participated in design of energy efficient contemporary homes that address local material use and cost
- [JAN 2013] **US INSPECT.** FREELANCE SITE SURVEYOR. [ATHENS, GA]
- [DEC 2012 - JAN 2013] **LEVINO-JONES MEDICAL INTERIORS, INC.** INTERIOR DESIGN INTERN. [ATLANTA, GA]

PUBLICATIONS

- [2020] **21BB MODEL REGION BERLIN BRANDENBURG** EDITED BY BARBARA HOIDN AND WILFRIED WANG
 -Contributed the section "Densifying the Köpenicker Landstraße: Transit Oriented Development as a Strategy to Densify Köpenicker Landstraße"
 -Demonstrated the ability to accommodate a population increase of 117,500 people along a transit corridor through transit oriented development nodes that respect the fabric of their neighborhoods. This strategy, if applied across multiple transit lines, would help accommodate a population increase of 1.5 million people without sacrificing the character of Berlin's urban neighborhoods.

SELECT VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

- [2018-2019] **YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER.** URBAN DESIGNER. [SEATTLE, WA]
 -Established a relationship between ZGF and Africatown Community Land Trust. Initiated pro bono conceptual massing studies and community engagement for the Youth Achievement Center in Columbia City implementing ZGF's commitment to 1%+ Pro Bono services. Underwent robust community engagement with youth community members, Community Passageways, and Creative Justice in order to carry youth vision through conceptual design process.
- [2018-2019] **AIA COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS / BENEFITS LAW CENTER.** DESIGNER. [SEATTLE, WA]
 -Designed the Justice Bus, a flagship mobile law office that provides social security advocacy for people with disabilities who are low income or experiencing homelessness. Mobile legal unit was designed with Erica Bush and David Judge.
- [AUG 2016] **CODENEXT PUBLIC DISCUSSION: MOBILITY.** SCRIBE. [AUSTIN, TX]
 -Gauged community use of transportation and presented findings of community engagement
 -Organized public responses into categories that apply to new land development code

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- [JAN - MAY 2019] **BARCELONA AND MADRID TRANSIT RESEARCH** FOR DANIELLE BRISCOE [SPAIN]
 -Alongside the consortium for Cooperative Mobility for Competitive Megaregions (CM2), researched accessibility and user experience for pedestrian transit riders in metro stations throughout Barcelona and Madrid and in high speed rail stations that connect the two cities.
- [MARCH 2018 - MAY 2019] **RESILIENCE RESEARCH FOR FLOOD AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS** [MEXICO CITY, MEXICO]
 -Traveled to Mexico City to conduct case study research about landscape, architectural, infrastructural responses to flooding, drought, subsidence, and failing water infrastructure
 -Met with landscape architects who address on site water reuse and aquifer recharge
 -Visited case study sites at landscape and architectural scale
 -Met with nonprofits that install rainwater catchment systems in informal development areas
- [SEPT - DEC 2017] **BERLIN URBAN DESIGN RESEARCH** FOR WILFRIED WANG [BERLIN, GERMANY]
 -Conducted urban design research to support Wilfried Wang's research objectives for transit oriented densification for 2050 Berlin
 -Designed an urban strategy for a 13 kilometer transit corridor and six served regions
 -Conducted Space Syntax studies to quantify multimodal connectivity and to determine ideal block sizes for an existing urban typology
 -Prepared boards for public opening in Berlin (2019), for the exhibition "urbainable-stadthaltig" at the Academy of Arts, Berlin (2020).
 -Provided comprehensive research that will be shared with local politicians to inform opportunities to accommodate population growth.



REFERENCES

STEVEN LEWIS



Urban Design Principal at ZGF Architects, Los Angeles.
Former Urban Design Director for the Central District City of Detroit Planning and Development Department
Former President of NOMA (National Organization of Minority Architects)

DAVID GRANT



Urban Design Associate Principal at ZGF Architects.
Landscape Architect

FLAVIA GREY RODRIGUEZ



Data and Strategy Team Lead, Associate Principal at ZGF Architects.

JEROME UNTERREINER



Urban Design Principal at ZGF Architects, Seattle.

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. 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 approval by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council.

New appointments are underlined and **bold**.

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	2	1.	Urban Planner	Adam Paul Amrhein	3/1/23	2/28/25	2	Mayor
6	NB	5	2.	Get Engaged	Jay Bachman	9/1/22	9/1/23	1	Mayor
5	F	4	3.	Engineer (Civil/Transportation)	Puja Shaw	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	Mayor
6	M	4	4.	At Large	Jill Crary	3/1/23	2/28/25	2	Mayor
6	M	6	5.	Architect	Matt Aalfs	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	Mayor
6	F	5	6.	Landscape Architect	Phoebe Erin Bogert	3/1/23	2/28/25	1	Mayor
6	F	2	7.	Architect	Ben Gist	3/1/23	2/28/25	1	Mayor
6	NB	2	8.	Urban Designer	Molly Spetalnick	3/1/23	2/28/25	1	Mayor
6	F	6	9.	Transportation Planner	Kevin O'Neill	3/1/23	2/28/25	1	Mayor
6	F	NA	10.	Fine Artist	Elizabeth Conner	3/1/22	2/28/24	2	Mayor
				Chair	Jill Crary	3/1/23	2/28/24	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	Male		Female		Transgender	NB/ O/ U	(1) Asian	(2) Black/ African American	(3) Hispanic/ Latino	(4) American Indian/ Alaska Native	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	(7) Pacific Islander	(8) Middle Eastern	(9) Multiracial
Mayor	3	5				2					1	9			
Council															
Other															
Total	3	5				2					1	9			

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.