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Notice of Appointment**

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<b>Name:</b> <b>Ross Tilghman</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> West Seattle	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98118	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 206-577-6953
<b>Appointed to:</b> Transportation Planner position, Seattle Design Commission		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> January 15, 2015
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b> Ordinance # 116909		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From:</b> Confirmation <b>To:</b> March 1, 2017
<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p><b>Ross Tilghman</b> has practiced transportation planning in Seattle for over 15 years of his 30 year career. He has worked on transportation planning efforts related to master plans and comprehensive plans, undertaken parking demand studies that included financial feasibility analyses, developed transportation plans for recreation and special event facilities and has been responsible for the preparation of environmental assessments evaluating and mitigating traffic impacts of new development.</p> <p>Ross also has significant experience in Historic Preservation and Community Building, serving as the Executive Director of a Main Street program in Illinois. The Design Commission will benefit from his understanding of traffic issues and impacts from new developments, as well as his background in preservation of historic structures.</p> <p>Ross holds a Masters of Arts in Geography from University of Washington, and a Bachelors of Arts, magna cum laude, in History from Washington university in St. Louis, Missouri</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:</b> Mayor Edward B. Murray

## F. ROSS TILGHMAN



### Overview

Ross Tilghman has 30 years experience developing land use and transportation plans for government, not-for-profit and private sector clients. His strengths include:

- Assembling and leading skilled professional teams
- Thinking strategically
- Listening carefully and understanding people's views
- Synthesizing information quickly
- Collaborating with multiple disciplines
- Communicating effectively with users, the public and elected officials
- Understanding financial requirements as well as developing and managing budgets

His ability to understand the needs of diverse constituencies allows him to create effective solutions that meet owners' and users' needs, fit the environments in which they are built, work reliably and are affordable.

### Experience and Skills

Ross Tilghman frequently works with internationally recognized teams of planning, design and finance professionals to develop innovative planning solutions in both urban and rural locations.

- **Master Planning & Comprehensive Planning** – forecasting travel demands; determining appropriate road, transit and parking capacity; recommending new road alignments, road cross-sections, intersection configurations, parking locations and layouts; modifying zoning requirements for parking; estimating transportation-generated carbon emissions; and developing transportation demand management actions.
- **Parking Development and Financial Feasibility Analysis** – analyzing market characteristics of existing facilities and users; identifying market potential for future facilities; forecasting parking demand and shared-parking potential; projecting revenue and expense to identify net revenues available for debt service; coordinating with finance specialists to determine supportable debt; creating business plans for enterprise systems.
- **Campus, Park & Zoo Planning** – analyzing existing attendance and population characteristics; surveying users and visitors to identify trip patterns; coordinating & facilitating public workshops; setting goals and objectives; evaluating carrying capacity for sensitive areas; defining visitor arrival sequence; identifying internal circulation requirements for motorized and non-motorized modes; determining vehicle performance requirements for internal shuttles & people-movers; developing wayfinding systems; calculating carbon footprints; projecting revenues for enterprise operations; creating employee and visitor parking management strategies.

- **Historic Preservation Planning** – creating facility and management plans to preserve historic structures, to maintain historic integrity in locally and nationally designated historic districts, and to comply with 4(f) and Section 106 requirements.
- **Parking Development** – projecting parking demand including shared-parking potential; recommending appropriate location and supply; creating business plans for enterprise systems.
- **Recreation and Special Event Transportation Strategies** – identifying design-day travel demands and frequency of major events; developing access and parking plans to minimize circulation and conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians; sizing parking facilities and coordinating signage plans.
- **Transit Market Analysis** – forecasting ridership for shuttle and light-rail services; surveying existing users; identifying shuttle routes and capacity requirements.
- **Traffic Impact Analysis** – conducting all steps of environmental impact analyses (SEPA/NEPA) from data collection, to trip generation/distribution/mode-choice/assignment and review of travel model results, to operational analysis using HCS/Synchro, to development and evaluation of mitigation measures.
- **Peer Review and Expert Witness Services** – conducting technical review of studies for reasonableness of assumptions, accuracy, internal consistency, and compliance with SEPA, local concurrency and zoning ordinances. Testimony at land use hearings.
- **Presentations** – explaining procedures, findings and recommendations to elected officials, agency representatives, steering committees and the general public. Conducting media interviews.

## Work Experience

### 2005 – Present Sole Proprietor, Tilghman Group

Established planning practice specializing in transportation planning and development strategies for government, not-for-profit, and private sector clients. Significant projects include: Albuquerque BioPark Master Plan; Albuquerque Zoo Wayfinding Plan; The Bloedel Reserve Carrying Capacity Analysis; Pt. Defiance Park Circulation and Parking Plan; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Parking Management Plan; Al Ain Wildlife Park & Resort Master Plan, Al Ain, UAE; Seoul Grand Park Zoo Master Plan; Galisteo Basin Preserve Transportation Analysis (a new community near Santa Fe, New Mexico); State of Iowa Capital Complex Master Plan Update; Balboa Park Parking Management Action Plan; City of Bellevue Downtown Parking Garage Financial Feasibility Study; The Evergreen State College Master Plan Update; Tacoma Parking Enterprise System Business Plan.

### 2000 – 2005 Senior Associate and Vice-President, TDA Inc., Seattle, Washington

Managed many of the firm's key projects from marketing through completion including master plans, mixed-use development projects, recreation area plans, and parking analyses. Coordinated technical and administrative staff in research, data collection, analysis, report writing and graphics preparation, and project invoicing. Prepared SEPA environmental impact analyses for major public and private projects. Collaborated with multi-disciplinary teams on technically and politically complex projects. Significant projects include: Waikiki Livable Communities Plan; Balboa Park Land Use, Circulation and Parking Plan; Denver Southeast Corridor Transportation Study; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Master Plan Update & SEIS; Tacoma Convention Center; University of Washington Tacoma Housing & Parking Project; and City of Olympia downtown parking garage financial feasibility analysis.

### 1998 – 2000 Executive Director, Galesburg Downtown Council, Galesburg, Illinois

Responsible for downtown maintenance, facade grant program, parking, event planning and upper story redevelopment efforts in this 15 square-block downtown business improvement district. Supervised staff for maintenance and marketing functions. Maintained regular contact with property owners and

businesses that funded BID operation through a special assessment. Reported to Board of Directors comprising property owners, and prepared annual budgets and monthly financial statements. Coordinated operations with City officials and Illinois State Main Street program. Worked closely with Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, National Main Street Center, and National Trust for Historic Preservation to provide design assistance, educational programs, and grant funding. Developed a streetscape concept plan and authored a successful TEA-21 Enhancement grant application for a \$1.9 million reconstruction completed in 2002.

1989 – 2000 Principal, TDA Illinois Inc.

Established Midwest office and developed new business throughout Midwest and Southeastern states. Services included: master plans for downtown redevelopment as well as government and academic campuses; transportation demand management plans; recreation and special event traffic analysis; parking market analysis; and historic preservation planning. Significant projects included master plans for the Minnesota Capitol Campus and the Iowa Capitol Campus, St. Louis Downtown Now! Action Plan, an access and parking plan to retrofit Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami, and a transportation plan for St. Mary's College of Maryland.

1986 – 1989 Senior Associate, TDA Inc., Seattle, Washington

Project Manager responsible for coordinating master planning, SEPA/NEPA EIS traffic analysis and parking demand analysis with consultant teams and clients. Took one-year leave to live in Vienna, Austria (1987).

1984 – 1986 Assistant Transportation Planner, TDA Inc., Seattle, Washington

Responsible for providing technical analysis for traffic impact studies including data collection, capacity analysis, trip generation, distribution, assignment, and report preparation.

**Professional Activities**

Mr. Tilghman is a full member of the Urban Land Institute for which he frequently participates on Advisory Service Panels in communities around the country to create solutions to local land use problems. He previously served on ULI's Community Development Council – Blue Flight. Mr. Tilghman is active with ULI Northwest having served on the Sustainable Communities Task Force where he helped organize the inaugural course for the Center for Sustainable Leadership, and participates in its Technical Assistance Panel program.

*Boards and Commissions*

- ◆ Seattle Design Commission, Dec. 2013 to present

*Publications*

- ◆ ULI Ten Principles for Building Healthy Places – participated in select group that developed principles for this publication; Washington, D.C, Urban Land Institute, 2013
- ◆ "Stadium Transportation Survey Findings", included in Developing Sports, Convention, and Performing Arts Centers, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Washington, D.C., ULI, 2001

*Resource Teams*

- ◆ ULI Advisory Services Panel assignments in 17 communities across the country including: Kent, Washington; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Tucson, Arizona; Nantucket, Massachusetts; Springfield, Virginia; Ft. Lauderdale Beach, Florida; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Stockton, California

- ◆ Ohio Design Assistance Team, Community Design Charrettes, multiple assignments in Dayton, Springboro and Canal Winchester, Ohio 2000-2001
- ◆ Mayors' Institute on City Design – Midwest, St. Louis and Cincinnati, 1995, 1997 & 1999
- ◆ Riverboat Gambling Resource Team, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Madison, Jeffersonville, and New Albany, Indiana, 1993
- ◆ Stone City Preservation Resource Team, Canal Corridor Association, Joliet, Illinois, 1993
- ◆ AIA Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT), San Angelo, Texas, 1992

#### *Presentations*

- ◆ ULI Northwest Center for Sustainable Leadership – member of task force overseeing a 9-day professional development course and specifically responsible for planning a session addressing infrastructure's role in sustainability presented in March, 2013
- ◆ *Design Guidelines for Main Street*, presented at National Town Meeting, Indianapolis, 2001
- ◆ *Anticipating Future Transportation Needs*, Mayor's Institute on City Design, Cincinnati, 1999
- ◆ *Community Character and Road Design Standards*, presented at Illinois Statewide Preservation Conference, Elgin, Ill., 1998
- ◆ *Downtown Parking*, Illinois Main Street Conference, Alton, Illinois, 1997
- ◆ *Balancing People and Traffic: Making Better Streets*, Mayor's Institute on City Design, St. Louis, 1997
- ◆ *New Urbanism and the New Urban Traffic*, Congress for the New Urbanism IV, Charleston, South Carolina, 1996
- ◆ *Dealing with Traffic in Resort Communities*, Sprawl Alliance, Petoskey, Michigan, 1996
- ◆ *Traffic and Parking in Five Easy Steps*, Co-author, ULI Seminar -- Developing Sports and Convention Facilities, Atlanta, 1996
- ◆ *Preservation and The Parking Problem*, Illinois Statewide Preservation Conference, Rock Island, Illinois, 1995
- ◆ *Rethinking the Role of the Automobile in City Design*, Mayor's Institute on City Design, St. Louis, 1995

#### **Community Service**

Columbia City Business Association, Business Development Committee, 2012-present  
 Mt. Baker Boating Advisory Council, Vice-President and Treasurer, 2006 – present  
 Project Manager for Mt. Baker Boating Advisory Council's Meeting Room Buildout, 2010-2011  
 Galesburg Downtown Council, Galesburg, Illinois, Façade Grant Committee, 1995-1996  
 Galesburg Preservation Inc., Founder and President, 1994 – 2000  
 Galesburg Museum Task Force, Chair, 1992-1993

#### **Education**

B.A., magna cum laude, History, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 1981  
 M.A., Geography, University of Washington, Seattle 1985  
 Continuing Education: Highway Capacity Workshop, Northwestern University, 1995

# Seattle Design Commission

February 2015

Ten members:

Appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the City Council who serve a term of two years (*may be reappointed once*)

- 2 Licensed Architects
- 1 Fine Artist
- 1 Member at Large

And at least one and no more than two from the following categories:

- Professional Urban Planner
- Professional Environmental or Urban Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Licensed Engineer, plus
- 1 Get Engaged participant (City/YMCA program)

All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. (Chair is also appointed by Mayor for a *one-year* term, confirmed by City Council.)

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	F	1	Brodie Bain	3/1/15	3/1/17	2	Urban Planner	Mayor
6	M	2	Grant Hromas	9/1/14	9/1/15	1	Get Engaged	Mayor
6	M	3	Thaddeus Egging	3/1/14	3/1/16	1	Engineer (Civil/Surface Water)	Mayor
6	M	4	Shannon Loew	3/1/15	3/1/17 (Chair for one year ending 3/1/16)	2	At Large - Developer (Chair)	Mayor
6	M	5	Lee Copeland	3/1/14	3/1/16	1	Architect	Mayor
3	M	6	Bernie Alonzo	5/1/13	3/1/15	1	Landscape Architect	Mayor
5	M	7	John Savo	3/1/2015	3/1/2017	1	Architect	Mayor
6	M	8	Martin Regge	3/1/14	3/1/16	2	Urban Designer	Mayor
6	M	9	Ross Tilghman	3/1/15	3/1/17	1	Planner (Civil/Transportation)	Mayor
6	F	10	Ellen Sollod	3/1/14	3/1/16	2	Fine Artist	Mayor

**\*Diversity**

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latino/a	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	8	2		0			1		1	8
Council										
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

\*\*Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability