



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Donna Kostka		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Urban Forestry Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> Position #2 Urban Ecologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> 1/23/2017	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 12/1/2016 to 12/1/2019
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Maple Leaf	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98115	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> n/a
<b>Background:</b> <p>Donna Kostka has extensive experience in urban ecology. She has a PhD with a major in outdoor recreation planning and a minor in ecology. Her professional experience spans 19 years with the federal government in five different agencies, starting in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and retiring from the National Park Service. Donna's career includes being adjunct professor at Antioch University Seattle, where she taught environmental policy, regulation, and law.</p> <p>Donna is an active volunteer. She recently completed three years on the Seattle Board of Park Commissioners, and she is a board member of the Heron Habitat Helpers (HHH), which she co-founded 15 years ago.</p> <p>Donna has brought a rich and diverse view that has been an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission this past three years. She is being re-appointed for a second three-year term ending December 1, 2019.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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

## Donna Kostka, PhD

**GOAL:** To be re-appointed to the volunteer position of "Urban Ecologist" on the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission and help achieve the City's canopy goals.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF VOLUNTEERING:** Three years on the Seattle Board of Park Commissioners advocating new wildlife sanctuary and native plant policies; Co-Founder and 11-year board member of Heron Habitat Helpers (HHH,) restoring 18 acre Kiwanis Ravine; two years board member of Starflower Foundation, re-introducing native habitats to selected Seattle parks; three years Membership Co-Chair on the board of the National Association of Environmental Professionals; two years Co-Chair of Sunset Hill Elementary School PTA committee designing and organizing the restoration of a 20 acre gravel pit adjacent to the school into a school nature center with five habitats.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF CAREER:** Five terms adjunct professor for Antioch University Seattle teaching "environmental policy, regulation, and law;" three years as national coordinator for community trails for National Park Service in Washington, DC; five years as public use coordinator covering 30 national wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries in eight states for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### **EDUCATION:**

- O Native Plant Steward Training, 2000, Washington Native Plant Society
- O Department Manager Development Training, Department of Interior, 1985-6
- O PhD in Outdoor Recreation Planning and Ecology, U. of Minnesota, 1975
- O MS in Park and Recreation Administration, U. of Illinois, 1958
- O BS in Journalism, U. of Illinois, 1956

**INTERESTS:** Watercolor painting, Seattle urban sketching, bird watching, native plant gardening, yoga.

### **REFERENCES:**

Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation,  
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Catherine Hovanic, Executive Director, Washington Native Plant Society, [REDACTED]  
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# Urban Forestry Commission

December 2016

Ten (10) Members: Pursuant to S.M.C. 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, three-year terms:

- 4 City Council-appointed
- 5 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): 1 (one) selected by Commissioners

**Roster:**

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Wildlife Biologist	Steve Zemke	12-1-16	12-1-19	2	Council
6	F		2.	Urban Ecologist	Donna Kostka	12-1-16	12-1-19	2	Mayor
6	M		3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	2-29-16	12-1-19	1	Council
8	M		4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Richard Martin	3-16-15	12-1-17	1	Mayor
6	M		5.	Arborist	Leif Fixen	12-1-14	12-1-17	2	Council
6	M		6.	Landscape Architect	Tom Early	12-1-14	12-1-17	2	Mayor
6	F		7.	NGO Representative	Joanna Nelson de Flores	6-6-14	12-1-18	2	Council
6	M		8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Andrew Zellers	2-29-16	12-1-19	1	Mayor
6	M		9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Craig Johnson	12-1-16	12-1-19	1	Commission
6	M		10.	Get Engaged	Reid Haefer	9-1-16	8-31-17	1	Mayor

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	4	1								4		1	
Council	3	1								4			
Other	1									1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>								<b>9</b>		<b>1</b>	

**Key:**

- \*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.