



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Whitman A. Bouton</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Environmental Justice representative</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i> <i>4/13/18</i>	Term of Position: * <i>4/1/2018</i> to <i>3/31/2021</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>n/a</i>
Background: <p>Whit is a certified arborist and has over a decade of experience working in the field of arboriculture and forestry. He has extensive community engagement experience from his work at Oregon state University in Portland, Oregon, where he developed, planned, and implemented programs to serve under-represented communities. In his current role as lead arborist for Seattle Tree Care, a family-owned tree care company, he ongoingly interacts with Seattle residents and has first-hand experience with the impacts of inequitable urban forestry services.</p> <p>Whit's expertise engaging with people while providing arboriculture services on the ground; his commitment and experience promoting equitable urban forestry service delivery; and his cartographic, mapping, and GIS skills will be an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission.</p> <p>Whit is being appointed to a three-year term ending March 31, 2021.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Mike O'Brien</i> <i>Seattle Councilmember</i>

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

Whitman A Bouton

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Director, Lead Arborist

2017 – Present

Seattle Tree Care – Seattle, WA

- Produced a 30% growth for the company within the first year of employment.
- Hire, train, supervise & manage all company arborists, associate arborists, & administrative staff.
- Lead sales department by setting & tracking individual performance & overall production.
- Act as interim GM in the owner's absence.
- Continue to refine & develop companywide systems to enhance performance across all departments.
- Participate in annual & quarterly forecasting & planning strategy.
- Review all consulting work produced by company arborist.
- Complete in-depth tree risk & health assessments. Perform site & environmental evaluations.
- Provide high quality professional consultations that meet all local regulatory requirements and comply with ANSI A300 standards.
- Perform property surveys, site inventories & data collection. Create construction & survey grade maps. Compile & submit appropriate regulatory documentation to corresponding agencies & jurisdictions.
- Foster excellent relationships & effectively communicate with diverse stakeholders across the public & private sectors.
- Create accurate estimates & thorough project documentation. Manage, supervise, & implement day to day field operations.

GIS Analyst, Cartographer – Climate Equity Atlas

2016

Futurewise – Seattle, WA

- Perform literature reviews & make recommendations to help advise organization on contemporary climate change & environmental social justice mapping methodology and best practices.
- Address region issues through thematic mapping and data analysis to create and design two-page topical spreads Topics include: Economic disparity, interactions between the built & natural environment, presence of health hazards, and ease of access to goods & services (housing, health care, transit, & food).
- Create static and dynamic maps designed as visual tools for communities and policy makers to illustrate how current social justice inequalities will combine with climate change impacts.
- Create compelling graphic representations that effectively synthesize and convey complex information. Atlas includes maps and infographics that illustrate environmental and social justice considerations, as well as highlight stories of contemporary local bottom-up resilience efforts.
- Perform a thorough inventory of existing geospatial data, organize and curate an in-house geospatial library.

Transit Station & Kiosk Map Designer – BIKETOWN

2016

Portland Bureau of Transportation Portland, OR / Motivate - Brooklyn, NY

- Assist in the production and design of station and kiosk maps utilizing ArcMap & Adobe Illustrator.
- Total project turnaround time was 5 days and included the creation of 100 maps.
- Distinct mapping project attributes included files with extensive layers, intensive label placement, and ability to follow strict protocol and conventions as required by corporate branding and municipal guidelines.
- All maps were successfully approved and printed upon completion with no revision requests by project management.

Part-time GIS Faculty: Geography Department

2013 – 2016

Portland Community College Sylvania - Portland, OR

- Provide GIS lecture & lab instruction. Assist in course design and development. Provide students in person and remote support in completing lab, internship, and project work. Maintain accurate records.
Program areas include: ArcGIS & ESRI software, spatial analysis, cartographic design, remote sensing, GPS technology, web mapping (Cartodb, Mapbox, Open Street Maps, GoogleEarth Pro), data acquisition, data collection, analytics, photogrammetry, land surveying, basic coding (SQL, XHTML, Python), database & file management systems, Microsoft Office products, Adobe CSS, AutoCAD, and assorted online tools (GPS Visualizer, Highcharts).
- Serve as a member of the GIS advisory committee and co-faculty advisor for the GIS and ASPRS student chapters. Assist department chair with the organization of workshops, guest speakers, and GIS day event.

Regional GIS Project Manager, STEM Curriculum Developer, Outreach Educator

2014 – 2016

Oregon State University Extension Office - Portland, OR

- Contracted to design, implement, and manage regional GIS mapping efforts within the larger Extension agency. Provided training, technical assistance, data support, and created static map sets for all faculty programs in the tri-county region. Performed complete survey of faculty programs and created an atlas evaluating their impact in the region. Prepared the project for a sustainable transition through the establishment of cooperative education agreements across local high schools, community college GIS certificate programs, and university capstone projects.
- Developed, planned and implemented year round programs serve under represented communities. Produced, delivered, and published appropriately differentiated STEM curriculum that successfully communicates relevant and rigorous content to address specific needs of diverse and dynamic populations. Utilized service learning, mentoring, inquiry and place based education models.
- Created meaningful partnerships with community organizations, school administration, and government agencies to help support effective programming.
- Maintained accurate records and work in collaboration to ensure successful grant writing, tracking, and reporting.

GIS Consultant	2014 – 2015
Friends of Trees, Neighborhood Street Tree and Green Space Initiative Programs - Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted with the development and management of mapping efforts to digitize planting areas and join annual database records. Provided staff education and training in Geographic Information Systems. 	
Project Manager	2010 – 2014
Heartland Scaping / Pride & Joy Landscapes - Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed large and small scale landscape design, construction and tree work projects. Supervised staff and sub-contractors. Performed consultations, estimate bids, inspections and invoicing. 	
AmeriCorps Restoration & Trails Manager	2009 – 2010
Forest Park Conservancy partnered with Portland Parks and Recreation - Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performed one year of service in the nation's largest urban forest reserve: Provided educational outreach, volunteer coordination, event and project planning. Created and maintained meaningful partnerships with non-profits, civic organizations, schools, and corporate sponsors. Organized trail maintenance and habitat restoration work throughout the park. Supervised crews of 20-30 volunteers performing invasive species removal, native plantings, restoration, and trail maintenance within the park and surrounding metro holdings. 	
Circulation Desk Clerk & Lab Assistant	2008 – 2010
Portland Community College, Cascade Library – Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided technical and customer support to library patrons. Performed clerk tasks associated with library circulation - holds, reservations, material search, and shelving. Provided students with technical computer and software support. 	
Forest Restoration and Wildland Fire Technician	2004 – 2008
Mattole Restoration Council – Petrolia, CA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performed timber stand improvement, fuels reduction, and wildland habitat restoration for private, county, state and federally funded projects. 	
EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
Certified Arborist PN-8386A & Tree Risk Assessment Qualified	Present - 2022
ISA - International Society of Arboriculture	
FIRST AID, CPR, AED	Present - 2020
AHA - American Heart Association – Heartsaver Program: Adult, Child, Infant	
Oregon Pest Detector	2017
USFS - United States Forestry Service, OSU - Oregon State University	
Science Communication Fellowship	2015 – 2016
OMSI - Oregon Museum of Science and Industry - Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in specialized science communication training focused on distilling and differentiating methods of communication to convey contemporary scientific or academic research to diverse audiences. Collaborated with museum educators to develop a unique exhibit with hands-on activities representing remote sensing research. Presented content and exhibit to the general public throughout the year at OMSI coordinated events throughout Oregon and Washington State. 	
Western Center for Metropolitan Extension & Research –Urban Policy Advisors Conference	2015
Washington State University - Seattle, WA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference focused around the intersections of science, lobbying, policy, and education in metropolitan communities. Designed to encourage the development and innovation of better programming by increasing the awareness of how policy impacts system change. 	
Portland State University	2014 – 2012
BS in Geography- Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-authored comprehensive report on an urban renewal area as part of collective research performed for the Regional Equity Atlas Project. This effort was performed under the partnership between the Coalition for a Livable Future, OPAL, Portland State University, and was under the supervision of Dr. Meg Merrick. Completed graduate coursework in environmental science, urban studies, and regional planning. 	
Oregon State University	2012 – 2011
Forest Management, Surveying, and Photogrammetry- Corvallis, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research recipient of Deloach Scholarship. Funding a year of study and research. Developed a prototype for a web based learning tool. Mapped tree tour locations and created small corresponding websites with associated dendrology curriculum. Supervised by Dr. Edward C Jensen. 	
Portland Community College	2011 – 2009
Professional Geographic Information Systems Certificate & Associates of Science - Portland, OR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified member of the Honors Society with a 3.71 GPA. 	

VOLUNTEERISM

OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry)

2015 – 2016

- Display & facilitate remote sensing mobile exhibit at Meet a Scientist Events throughout OR, WA.

Portland Department of Urban Forestry – Street Tree Inventory Project

2015 – 2016

- Acted as an Arborist On-Call and Team Leader for community inventory work days acting as an expert in tree identification, and leading volunteers on data collection protocols and routes. Served as a public extension of the Tree Inventory Project, educating about the importance of the urban canopy and street trees.

Friends of Trees

2010 – 2016

- Lead groups of 5-20 volunteers in habitat restoration plantings neighborhood right of ways, natural areas, public and private greenspace throughout the greater Portland Metro. Performed outreach to school districts to engage groups of middle and high school students to participate in stewardship events once a month.

Forest Park Conservancy

2008 – 2016

- Lead groups of 5-10 volunteers in trail maintenance and habitat restoration. Performed outreach to school districts to engage groups of middle and high school students to participate in stewardship events once a month.

REFERENCES

Kelsey Gruenwoldt

General Manager
Seattle Tree Care

Lexi Brewer

Sustainable Development Program Manager
Futurewise

Michael Pellegrino

Launch Director
Motivate

Erin Aigner

Information Designer + GIS Specialist
Portland Bureau of Transportation

Christina Friedle

Geography Department Head & GIS Faculty Supervisor
Portland Community College

Patrick Willis

Faculty Supervisor
College of Public Health
Oregon State University Extension

Meg Merrick, PhD

Faculty / Coordinator of the Community Geography Project
College of Urban & Public Affairs
Portland State University

Kris Day

Green Space Initiative Senior Specialist /ISA Certified
Arborist
Friends of Trees

Stephan Hatfield & Jeff Hough

Stewardship Manager & Supervisor
Forest Park Conservancy

Edward C Jensen, Ph.D.

Faculty / Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
College of Forestry
Oregon State University

Birgit Wedel

Senior Library Technician Cascade Campus, Portland
Community College

Ann Radeloff

Owner and Manager, Pride and Joy Landscaping

Andy Chittick

Community Forest Coordinator, Mattole Restoration Council

Urban Forestry Commission

4-5-18

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

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	3/31/20	2	Council
6	F		2.	Urban Ecologist	Sandra Whiting	12/1/16	3/31/20	1	Mayor
6	M		3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	12/1/15	3/31/19	1	Council
6	F		4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Sarah Rehder	4/1/18	3/31/21	2	Mayor
			5.	Arborist	Vacant	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	M		6.	Landscape Architect	Tom Early	12/1/14	3/31/18	2	Mayor
6	F		7.	NGO Representative	Joanna Nelson de Flores	12/1/15	3/31/19	2	Council
6	M		8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Andrew Zellers	12/1/15	3/31/19	1	Mayor
6	M		9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Craig Johnson	12/1/16	3/31/20	1	Commission
6	F		10.	Get Engaged Member	Megan E. Herzog	9/1/17	8/31/18	1	Mayor
6	M		11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Whitman Bouton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
			12.	Public Health Rep.	Vacant	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
			13.	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Vacant	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	3								5			
Council	3	1								4			
Other	1									1			
Total	6	4								10			

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.