



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Land Use Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Dan Strauss, Chair
Tammy J. Morales, Vice-Chair
Teresa Mosqueda, Member
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Committee Website:

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/land-use>

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Submit written comments to Councilmember Strauss at Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov

Please Note: Times listed are estimated

A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [Appt 02433](#) **Appointment of David A. Baker as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2025.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (20 minutes)

Presenter: Patricia Bakker, Office of Sustainability and Environment

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text


File #: Appt 02433, **Version:** 1

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The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>David A. Baker</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Position 8 – Development 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 type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * <i>4/1/2022</i> to <i>3/31/2025</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Belltown</i>	Zip Code: <i>TBD</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: David Baker is an experienced real estate and community development professional with over 5 years' experience in the public and non-profit sectors. David has been living and working in Seattle for over two years as a developer with Homestead Community Land Trust. Prior to joining Homestead, he received his Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan. There, David studied the real estate development process and its social, environmental and equity impacts. His career in development began with the Detroit Land Bank Authority where he worked to return vacant property to productive use by partnering with community groups and faith-based organizations. <i>David is being appointed to serve a three-year term ending March 31, 2025.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 12/9/2022		Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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



DAVID A. BAKER

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



ABOUT ME

Experienced real estate and community development professional with over 5 years experience in the public and non-profit sectors. Proven success in sustainable development, subsidized for-sale multifamily, and project management systems.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Masters of Urban & Regional Planning

- Attended: Sept. 2018 to May 2020
- Relevant coursework includes: Real Estate Finance, Housing Policy and Economics, Public-Private Partnerships

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN Bachelor of Arts in Economics

- Attended: Sept. 2011 to Aug. 2014

SKILLS & TECHNOLOGY

- Real Estate Financial Modeling / Pro forma
- Spatial Analysis (ArcGIS, Google Maps)
- 3D Modeling (SketchUP)
- Graphic Design (Adobe Create Suite)
- Community Engagement & Outreach

ORGANIZATIONS & INVOLVEMENT

- ULI Northwest: Young Leaders Group Leadership Team
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Puget Sound
- Alumni Board Member - Detroit Country Day School

WORK EXPERIENCE

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER

Homestead Community Land Trust | Sept. 2020 [to Present]

- Manage projects in construction, conducts feasibility analyses on prospective projects, works with community partners, and provides maintenance and warranty support to current Homestead homeowners.

PROPERTY SELECTION SPECIALIST

Detroit Land Bank Authority | Nov. 2018 to Feb. 2020

- Recommended approximately 45 residential structures per week to DLBA auction programs after a weekly review of 100+ properties for property & neighborhood condition, community input, market value, and other factors.

URBAN PLANNING SUMMER ASSOCIATE

Henry Ford Health System | Jun. 2019 to Aug. 2019

- Created temporary use and property maintenance strategy for 5+ acres of vacant property awaiting development for future hospital facilities.
- Developed case studies for 3 hospital systems serving as anchor institutions addressing social determinants of health.
- Studied the potential of anchor institutions as catalysts for affordable housing.

PROJECT MANAGER I - DISPOSITIONS

Detroit Land Bank Authority | Nov. 2017 to Sep. 2018

- Reviewed approximately 20 development proposals per week from non-profit and for-profit developers in East Region.
- Coordinated and closed 25 non-profit and for-profit projects including the sale of 11 structures and 62 vacant lots in the East Region.
- Advised purchase agreement terms and monitored compliance on 30 projects in Community Partnership and Economic Development programs.

PROJECT LIAISON - DISPOSITIONS

Detroit Land Bank Authority | Oct. 2016 to Nov. 2017

- Coordinated and executed transactions of 110 projects for non-profit and faith-based organizations including the sale of 85 structures and 160 vacant lots.
- Reported on program pipeline by tracking and compiling data on all transactions.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

ULI HINES DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

University of Michigan

- Created January 2020
- Role: Financial Modeling
- Project Expertise: Transit-oriented development

MERIT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PHYSICAL PLAN

University of Michigan Physical Planning Workshop

- Created September through December 2019
- Role: Short- and Long-term recommendations; Presentation to Client

HUD INNOVATION IN ACTION COMPETITION

University of Michigan

- Created December 2018 through February 2019
- Role: Financial Modeling
- Project Expertise: Affordable housing, Low-income housing tax credits

NORTHLAND MALL SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Urban Land Institute Michigan - Larson Center for Leadership

- Created March through October 2018
- Role: Temporary Use and Permitting

Urban Forestry Commission

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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	F	6	1.	Wildlife Biologist	Julia Michalak	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Council
			2.	Urban Ecologist	Vacant	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Mayor
1	NB	3	3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Falisha Kurji	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	Council
6	F	4	4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Becca Neumann	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Mayor
6	M	4	5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Council
1	M	5	6.	Landscape Architect	Hao Liang	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Mayor
6	M	3	7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	4/1/22	3/31/25	2	Council
2	M	7	8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	David A. Baker	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	n/a	9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Blake Voorhees	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Commission
6	F	7	10.	Get Engaged Member	Laura Keil	9/1/20	8/31/22	1	Mayor
9	F	4	11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Jessica Hernandez	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Council
6	F	7	12	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
9	F	2	13	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Lia Hill	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	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			1	1				3			
Council	2	3		Non-Binary	1					3			2
Other	1									1			
Total	5	6		1	2	1				7			2

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.