

Clerk File No. 310608

Reappointment of Christopher Persons as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term of confirmation to January 15, 2013.

The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Clerk File sponsored by: *Samy D. Lewis*

Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
04/14/10	APPROVE	2-0 TB, SB

Related Legislation File: _____

Date Introduced and Referred: 4.12.10	To: (committee): Built Environment
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date of Final Action: 4.19.10	Disposition:

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. _____

Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
4.19.10	Confirmed	8-0 (absent: TB)

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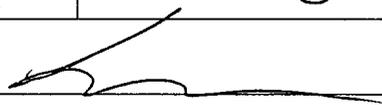
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Date Filed with City Clerk:20090727

**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Christopher Persons		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Rainier Beach</i>	Zip Code: <i>98118</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>206-329-7303</i>
Appointed to: <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>April 14, 2010</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission</i>		Term of Office: From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>1/15/2013</i>
Comments: <i>Reappointment</i>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: <i>Councilmember Sally Clark</i>

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor: <i>8</i>	Against: <i>0</i>	Date: <i>4-19-10</i>
Attested by: 		Title:



PROPOSED ROSTER - SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION 2010

15 Members (3-year terms, renewable)
 1 "Get Engaged" Youth Member

	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
# 1 Leslie Miller**	1/15/13	Council
# 2 Amalia Leighton**	1/15/13	Mayor
# 3 Chris Persons**	1/15/13	Council
# 4 vacant	1/15/13	Mayor
# 5 Radhika Nair*	1/15/13	Council
# 6 Mark S. Johnson	1/15/11	Mayor
# 7 Martin Kaplan	1/15/11	Council
# 8 Colie Hough-Beck	1/15/11	Mayor
# 9 Kevin McDonald	1/15/11	Council
# 10 Joshua Brower	1/15/11	Mayor
# 11 vacant	1/15/12	Council
# 12 Kay Knapton	1/15/12	Mayor
# 13 David Cutler	1/15/12	Council
# 14 Catherine Benotto	1/15/12	Mayor
# 15 Matt Roewe	1/15/12	Commission
#16 Amanda Sparr***	9/30/10	Mayor

* New Appointments

** Reappointments

*** "Get Engaged" Youth Member 1 year appointment

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Vacant</u>	<u>Minority</u>	(1) <u>Asian</u>	(2) <u>Black</u>	(3) <u>Hisp</u>	(4) <u>Nat.Amer</u>	(5) <u>Other</u>
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Christopher D. Persons

[REDACTED] 206.329.7303 (office)
[REDACTED]

Experience

Capitol Hill Housing (PDA)

2007 to present

Affordable housing and community development

Executive Director

- Manage staff of 70 oversee assets over \$100 million and annual operating budget of about \$10 million. Operate 42 buildings with 1,102 units of housing serving 1,620 individuals. Currently pursuing community development activities along 12th Avenue as funded through the Seattle Office of Economic Development. Several affordable housing projects in pipeline for 2009/2010. CHH is a public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle as authorized under section 42 of the RCW.

Inspiration Corporation

1999 to 2007

Housing, training, clinical services for people who are homeless. Chicago, Illinois.

Executive Director

- Transformed agency from a local community group to a nationally award winning, city-wide organization increasing and diversifying the budget from \$415,000 to \$2.8 million and full-time staff from 6 to 43. (annual government funding grew from \$3,000 to \$1.2 million and social enterprise revenue of up to \$400,000)
- Led day-to-day operations of organization, organizational growth, visioning, board and community relations and on-going strategic planning process unifying organizational, departmental and individual goals.
- Introduced the concept of therapeutic community as the operational model for our core service. Created, funded, and implemented new housing, supportive services and training programs including opening a social enterprise restaurant called Cafe Too. Clientele increased from 30 to over 1,000 served annually.
- Led and implemented successful mergers with two similar non-profits.
- Imbued the organization with an entrepreneurial value system while maintaining an atmosphere of dignity and respect for our clientele, our staff and the communities where we do business.
- Served as board member of Chicago Continuum of Care and Partnership to End Homelessness helping write and establish 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and facilitating the merger of the two organizations.

Jane Addams Resource Corporation

1996 to 1999

*Training, education, and economic development. Chicago, Illinois.*Director of Operations

- Managed \$1.85 million budget and oversaw all aspects of development, human resources, finances, and communications. Built an internal operations infrastructure to replace Hull House Association, which had been fiscal agent for JARC up to 1996 including an organizational structure to maximize efficiency. Played lead role in attracting high caliber staff to agency.
- Oversaw the installation of local area network. Created and attracted funding for Transitional Service Team, an interdepartmental case management and program evaluation model. Co-wrote and negotiated contract with employee union.
- Played fundamental role creating Project JOBS, a complex neighborhood-wide partnership. Served on the Board of Organization of the Northeast.

Streetwise

1993 to 1996

*Employment opportunities for people who are homeless. Chicago, Illinois.*Executive Director

- Transformed a new agency from a state of disorder to a position of organizational stability and respect in the community by hiring and leading a competent staff of thirteen.
- Raised funding for and oversaw a strategic planning process and wrote a supportive service delivery plan based on a psycho-social rehabilitation model.
- Wrote and managed the first organizational budget (\$450,000 annually), personnel policies and inventory and cash control systems. Wrote foundation and government grant proposals and raised thousands in individual and corporate donations. Attracted high-level volunteers to serve on several advisory committees.

United Cerebral Palsy

1991 to 1993

*Services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Joliet, Illinois.*Development and Public Relations Manager

- Raised over \$100,000 through events including planning and managing a telethon. Reorganized development office. Wrote giving opportunities plan. Created database for foundations and individuals. Wrote and submitted grant proposals. Developed and implemented corporate identity program.

Community Reconciliation Center

1989 to 1991

*Mediation and conflict resolution alternative to court. Grand Rapids, Michigan.*Executive Director

- Received grants of \$116,000 including government grants. Increased caseload by factor of six. Created and negotiated referral system with Kent County Court System. Managed full-time staff and over 30 volunteers. Organized all aspects of agency including intake and case development systems later adopted by other mediation centers.

Eastside Teen Center

1988 to 1989

*Primary prevention agency servicing community needs. Flint, Michigan.*Executive Director

- Led agency in transition from Genesee County Department of Social Services pilot project to independent 501(c)(3).

Education

University of Michigan, School of Business Administration, 1982 to 1984.

Mott Community College, Associates Degree, 1982.

Community Service HistoryBoard Member, Housing Development Consortium, Seattle
President, Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce, SeattleBoard President, Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness, Chicago
Candidate for Alderman, City of Chicago 2007
Governing Board, Chicago Continuum of Care, Chicago
Mayoral Appointment, Community Development Advisory Cttee (alternate), Chicago
Board of Directors and Secretary, Partnership to End Homelessness, Chicago
Board of Directors, Organization of the Northeast, Chicago
Steering Committee Treasurer, Project JOBS, Chicago
Mediator, Center for Conflict Resolution, Chicago
Member, Kiwanis Club of Joliet, Illinois
Mayoral Appointment, Community Development Committee, Grand Rapids, MI
Radio Programmer, WYCE Community Radio, Grand Rapids, Michigan

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 7, 2010

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: Councilmember Sally Clark
Chair, Committee on the Built Environment

SUBJECT: Appointments and Reappointments to Seattle Planning Commission

I am pleased to forward to the City Council the following appointments and reappointments to the Seattle Planning Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Radhika Nair	1/15/13	Chris Fiori
Leslie Miller	1/15/13	Reappointment
Chris Persons	1/15/13	Reappointment

The Seattle Planning Commission is composed of 15 members and one Get Engaged member, appointed by the Mayor, City Council and itself. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Seattle Planning Commission including the new appointees.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Radhika Nair

Radhika is an Assistant Planner at the Bellevue's Department of Planning and Community Development who works on urban design analysis and policy-development projects. She also helps prepare staff recommendations for the Bellevue Planning Commission. Her recent projects include the 2009 Bel-Red Subarea Plan, Downtown Analysis and Eastlink light rail. As an immigrant to the United States, Radhika is particularly interested in the ways in which planning can connect people, especially women and immigrants, to government, and in making sure no one is left behind or rendered invisible in planning or public outreach. She brings ethnic and cultural diversity to the Commission and lives in Fremont.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Leslie Miller

Leslie has been a very active member of the Commission. She has served as co-chair of the Housing Neighborhoods and Urban Centers committee and currently serves at the Commission's Vice Chair. She is a Partner, in Girl Friday Productions, a local editorial and book development company. Leslie has experience in community organizing and outreach, specifically related to

growth, equitable development and transportation. She is a voting member of the Southeast District Council, a steering committee member of the Othello Station Community Advisory Committee, is a steering committee member of Othello Park Now and represents ROSA on the South Precinct Advisory Committee. Leslie lives in the Othello neighborhood.

Chris Persons

Chris is the Executive Director of Capitol Hill Housing. His experience in affordable housing, community development and organizing, and homeless services will bring very necessary insight to the Commissions work. Chris has a long history of community service. He is the current chair Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce and board member of the Housing Development Consortium. Chris lives in the Rainier Beach community.

ATTACHMENTS

Current Seattle Planning Commission roster

cc: Barbara E. Wilson, Executive Director, Seattle Planning Commission
Josh Brower, Chair, Seattle Planning Commission
LaTonya Brown, Legislative Aid, Councilmember Clark
Phil Fujii, Deputy Mayor of Operations, Mayor's Office
Mark Matassa, Communications Director, Mayor's Office



Sally J. Clark
Seattle City Councilmember

April 7, 2010

Christopher Persons
Capitol Hill Housing
1406 10th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122

Dear Mr. Persons,

I am pleased to reappoint you to the City of Seattle's Planning Commission. You will be serving a three-year term ending January 15, 2013.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the full City Council after review by the Committee on the Built Environment. You will be contacted if you need to attend the reconfirmation hearing. If you have any questions regarding the confirmation process, LaTonya Brown in my office at 206-684-5329.

As you know, the Seattle Planning Commission requires your time and creative energy, so I truly appreciate your willingness to make this commitment to a second term. You bring valuable skills and experience to the Seattle Planning Commission, and I am sure that the City will benefit from your participation.

Thank you for serving the people of Seattle.

Sincerely,

Sally J. Clark
Seattle City Council
Chair, Committee on the Built Environment

cc: Josh Brower, Chair, Seattle Planning Commission
Barbara E. Wilson, Executive Director, Seattle Planning Commission

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