



City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Seattle Planning Commission

Barbara Wilson, Executive Director

Announcement

July 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Planning Commission elects Josh Brower as its new Chair and others to leadership positions.

Josh Brower was unanimously elected to serve as the Chair of the Seattle Planning Commission (SPC) for a one year term beginning today.

The Commission also elected committee chairs and other executive committee officers. The Chair and officers are appointed by the Commissioners every June and serve one year terms beginning on July 1st. The Commission's executive committee is made up of the SPC Chair, Vice-Chair, the committee chairs, as well as appointed at-large members.

- Leslie Miller was elected to the seat of Vice-Chair of the Commission.
- Kevin McDonald and Colie Hough-Beck will Co-Chair the Land Use & Transportation Committee.
- Mark S. Johnson and Amalia Leighton will Co-Chair the Housing, Neighborhood and Urban Centers Committee.
- Kay Knapton & Martin Kaplan have been appointed to the Commission executive committee as At-Large members.

The Seattle Planning Commission provides independent and objective advice to the Mayor, City Council and City departments on planning issues such as land use, zoning, transportation and housing. The Commission's work is framed by the Comprehensive Plan and its vision for Seattle into the 21st Century, and by a commitment to engaging citizens in the work of planning.

Seattle Planning Commission 2009 – 2010 Officer Bio's

JOSH BROWER - Commission Chair

Partner, *Tupper Mack Brower PLLC*; land use and real estate law attorney focusing on complex project permitting, growth management, comprehensive planning and renewable energy. Community activities include ElderHealth Northwest, Seward Park Environmental & Audubon Center and Leadership Tomorrow. (Beacon Hill)



LESLIE MILLER- Commission Vice-Chair

Partner, *Girl Friday Productions*; Experience in community organizing and outreach, specifically related to growth, equitable development, and transportation. President of Southeast District Council from 2005-present. (Seward Park)



KEVIN McDONALD – Land Use and Transportation Committee Co-Chair

Senior Transportation Planner, *City of Bellevue*; A diverse professional background includes land use and transportation planning, environmental sustainability, and forest management. (Capitol Hill)



COLIE HOUGH-BECK - Land Use and Transportation Committee Co-Chair

President/Owner, *Hough Beck & Baird Inc*; expertise in land use, development, urban design and landscape architecture. Formerly served on the Seattle Review Board and has a passionate commitment to sustainability and livable communities. (South Lake Union)



MARK S. JOHNSON – Housing, Neighborhoods and Urban Centers Co-Chair

Environmental Planner, *ESA Adolfson*; experience in land use and environmental regulation, natural resource planning, and community organizing and outreach. Expert on Seattle's land use code and policies. Chaired Team Wallingford's neighborhood planning effort. (Central Area)



AMALIA LEIGHTON - Housing, Neighborhoods and Urban Centers Co-Chair

Civil Engineer, *SvR Design Company*; experience in infrastructure, transportation, environmental planning and design and environmental permitting. Interested in affordable, livable communities that include housing variety, open space, green infrastructure, and transportation options. (Wallingford)



KAY KNAPTON – At-large Executive Committee member

Consultant; experience in land use planning, community and economic development and program evaluation. Specializing in creating vibrant neighborhood business districts and providing small business assistance culminating in lively community activity centers. (Queen Anne)



MARTIN HENRY KAPLAN– At-large Executive Committee member

Principal, *Martin Henry Kaplan, Architects AIA*; expertise in architecture, real estate, and community development in Seattle. Active in neighborhood planning issues. Served on Historical Commission and several non-profit and community boards. (Queen Anne)

