

Chandra Robinson is recommended for appointment to the Portland Design Commission. Chandra is a unique candidate for the Design Commission by virtue of her global architectural experience, and native roots and architectural practice here in Portland. Chandra worked with Architects Without Borders for nearly 10 years, assisting communities in need in Tanzania, Haiti and Nepal by providing design and planning services through listening and collaborating with many cultures. In Portland, while working for a local architectural firm, she collaborated on a community charrette for Right 2 Root, working with members of the Emanuel Temple to help envision what is missing in their community and what to add in order to bring the community together. Chandra has practiced with many architectural firms, directly designing and managing various scales of development and has demonstrated a strong knowledge of local codes and design review processes. These professional and personal experiences, both at home and abroad, make Chandra an exceptional candidate for the Portland Design Commission, adding a strong voice with a diverse background of architectural and cultural experiences. Chandra's first term would be from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Statement from Chandra Robinson:

I am a black/hispanic woman who grew up in a homogenous and mostly caucasian part of Portland. My personal history has given me a perspective that is different from many of my peers and that has made me have to work hard to be heard. It has also made me more aware of when others need to be heard. Working with Architects Without Borders Oregon exposed me to a lot of cultures that have perspectives different from my own. My experience there made me realize equitable outcomes to me are providing equitable access to good design and making sure that people impacted by the outcomes are heard.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

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Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

June 26, 2019

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following reassignment and reappointment to the Portland Design Commission.

<u>Reassignment</u>	<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Don Vallaster (reassigned from Architect position, filling a vacant position)	Developer	July 1, 2019

Don Vallaster is currently assigned to a “Architect” position. This reassignment will fill the required “Developer” position which was vacated on May 22, 2019.

<u>Reappointment</u>	<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>2nd Full Term</u>
Don Vallaster	Developer	August 15, 2019 through August 14, 2023

Don Vallaster is recommended for reappointment to the Portland Design Commission. Don’s continuation on a second term with the Design Commission comes at critical time given his expertise in the Land Use process, and in construction and material technologies. Don is experienced with the Land Use process, and over the past couple years have aligned very quickly with the direction of the Commission, and concerns of neighbors, yielding high quality urban design proposals, often needing only one hearing to be approved. This type of "leadership by example" is a helpful perspective to maintain on the Design Commission and impress upon future customers of the Land Use process to work with the Commission to complete projects faster and better, minimizing the number of hearings, while yielding high quality compatible designs.

Statement from Don Vallaster:

This is a pivotal time in Portland's built environment. It is a time of rapid urbanization. The construction frenzy in multifamily units as evidenced by the dramatic changes to N Williams & SE Division street are redefining the character of the City much as the post 1906 building boom in San Francisco defines the character of the City as we experience it to this day. If Portland is to attain a positive outcome from all this activity then stressing and supporting good design practices is a primary concern. Well thought out & designed buildings should not stand out from the urban fabric but become the urban fabric.

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>1st Full Term</u>
Chandra Robinson (replacing Don Vallaster)	Architect	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023

Agenda No.
APPOINTMENT REPORT
 Title

Appoint Chandra Robinson, reassign and reappoint Garry (Don) Vallaster to the Portland Design Commission (Report)

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED JUN 18 2019</p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler <i>M</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	<p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau of Development Services <i>Rebecca Esau</i> Rebecca Esau, Director</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN: JUN 26 2019 CONFIRMED</p>
<p>Prepared by: Leanne Torgerson Date Prepared: June 10, 2019</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date: June 26, 2019</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
 Start time: _____
 Total amount of time needed: _____
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
 Total amount of time needed: **10 minutes**
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Hardesty	—————	
4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	—————	