

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:

Reassign Garry “Don” Vallaster to a different membership category effective July 1, 2019, reappoint Vallaster to a second term effective August 15, 2019, expiring on August 14, 2023, and appoint Chandra Robinson to the Portland Design Commission for 4-year term to expire June 30, 2023 (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The appointment of these Commissioner is required by Portland City Code [Title 33] to fulfill quorum requirements for Type 2 Appeals and Type 3 Land Use Reviews.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Commissioner appointments are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Bureau of Development Services continually advertises positions for the Commission through its webpage, public phone calls to the Commission Clerk and Staff, and as needed media announcements of upcoming positions. These media announcements are widely circulated in the design, development and neighborhood community news outlets and web pages.

100% Renewable Goal:

This proposal is for reappointment of an individual to a volunteer commission; therefore, this goal is not applicable to this action.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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Memorandum

Date: June 26, 2019

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

From: Rebecca Esau, Director *RE*
Bureau of Development Services

Re: Recommendation for Reassignment, Reappointment and Appointment to the Portland Design Commission

The Portland Design Commission has three upcoming changes that needs action. The Portland Design Commission provides leadership and expertise on urban design and architecture and on maintaining and enhancing Portland's historical and architectural heritage. The Portland Design Commission hears Type 3 Land use applications and Type II appeals of proposals within design districts.

Reassignment - Developer

I am recommending that Garry "Don" Vallaster be reassigned from the "Architect" position to the "Developer" position on the Design Commission. This reassignment, to be effective July 1, 2019, will fill the "Developer" position which was vacated by Andrew Clarke on May 22, 2019. Don's current "Architect" position will then be filled by Appointment, recommended below. Don is an experienced land developer and has over 30 years' experience with all elements of building construction and development.

Reappointment 2nd Term – Developer

I am recommending that Commissioner Don Vallaster be reappointed to a second term, August 15, 2019 – August 14, 2023. 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.

Appointment – Architect

I am recommending Chandra Robinson to serve her first term on 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.

Chandra’s appointment will continue to ensure the Portland Design Commission’s high bar for leadership and expertise on urban design and architecture and maintaining and enhancing Portland’s architectural heritage.

Recommendation

Reassign Garry “Don” Vallaster from the “Architect” position to the “Developer” position on the Design Commission effective July 1, 2019 through the end of Don’s 1st term on August 14, 2019..

Reappoint Garry “Don” Vallaster to the Developer position on the Portland Design Commission a second term from August 15, 2019, through August 14, 2023.

Appoint Chandra Robinson to the Architect position on the Portland Design Commission for her first term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.