

David Cutler and Amalia Leighton elected Co-Chairs of Seattle Planning Commission

Seattle - The Seattle Planning Commission elected new leadership in September, 2013. **Commissioner David Cutler** and **Commissioner Amalia Leighton** were elected by the Commission to serve as Co-Chairs.

Co-Chair Cutler served as Commission Chair last year and has now been elected to his second term. Co-Chair Leighton served the Commission as Vice Chair last year and will be starting her first term as Co-Chair.



"I am pleased to have Commissioner Leighton join me as Co-Chair of the Planning Commission. She brings a tremendous amount of expertise, history on the Commission and talent to this leadership role."
Co-Chair Cutler

"The Commission has a tremendous amount of work ahead of us. We continue to weigh in on key growth issues throughout Seattle with a focus on creating livable and dynamic neighborhoods. Transit will continue to play a role in how we grow and I am proud of the work the Commission has done on Transit Communities." Co-Chair Leighton



Co-Chair Cutler is an architect and senior associate at GGLO. His experience includes residential, institutional, and mixed-use architecture at many scales, with a focus in sustainable urban design and planning. At the block-, district-, and city-scale, his projects often include transit, public-private partnerships, performance-based codes, and significant public engagement. David co-chairs the Light Rail Review Panel and is a member of Seattle 2030 District. He has spoken regionally and nationally on topics related to urban design. David is a resident of Capitol Hill where he lives with his wife and three young children.

Co-Chair Leighton is a licensed civil engineer, certified planner and director at SvR Design Company. Amalia brings significant experience collaborating with municipal agencies and their stakeholders on projects that emphasize the integration of urban design, green infrastructure, low impact development, mobility, social equity, and community engagement. She presents nationally about the integration of green stormwater management and transportation infrastructure. Amalia participated in the 2012-2013 ULI Center for Sustainable Leadership, is a member of the Capital Hill Eco-District Steering Committee and presents on the importance of public boards and commissions with Seattle Works. She is a member of the Urban Land Institute, American Planning Association and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Amalia is a resident of Wallingford where she lives with her husband, child and dog.

In addition to electing **Cutler** and **Leighton** as their new Co-Chairs, the Commission elected new leadership as follows;

Catherine Benotto will serve as the Commission's Vice Chair.

Jeanne Krikawa and **Marj Press** will serve as co-chairs for the Commission's Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Morgan Shook and **Tom Parham** will serve as co-chairs for the Commission's Housing and Neighborhood Committee.

Josh Brower, **Colie Hough-Beck** and **Kevin McDonald** will serve as at-large member of the Commission's Executive Committee.

The leadership term will last until July 2014.