

Seattle

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Commission

2009 Annual Report

The Seattle Design Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on the design of capital improvement and other projects that shape the city’s public realm.

Seattle Design Commissioners

Mary Johnston, Chair Architect
Brendan Connolly, Vice Chair Architect
Andrew Barash Licensed Engineer
Julie Bassuk Urban Planner
Graham Black At Large Representative
John Hoffman* Urban Designer
Lauren Hauck Get Engaged Program
Laurel Kunkler Licensed Engineer
Julie Parrett Landscape Architect
Nathan Polanski* Get Engaged Program
Dennis Ryan* Urban Designer
Norie Sato Fine Artist
Don Vehige Urban Designer
*Terms expired in 2009

Staff

Guillermo Romano Executive Director
Valerie Kinast Coordinator
Tom Iurino Senior Staff
Joan James Staff
Liz Martini Graphic Design

Project Review	75
CIP Capital Improvement Projects	38
ROW Right-of-Way Projects	16
M Major Projects	8
Plans, Programs and Policies	13
Workload	
Commissioner Hours	1517
Commission Project Reviews	1160
Interagency Project Reviews	357
Advisory Meetings	287
Consultant Selections	70
Staff Hours	3628
Estimated Cost of Projects Reviewed	\$6,220,734,000

Accomplishments

1. Issued 2009 Design Excellence Awards for 5 projects.
2. Wrote and issued recommendations to City and State officials in regards to the SR-520 project.
3. Reviewed, approved and issued recommendations to Council in support of the Seattle Stormwater Code.
4. Active membership and participation in the Central Waterfront Partnership Committee.
5. Participated in the Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Workshop.
6. Hosted the Mapes Creek community workshop.
7. Continued involvement in the Viaduct Replacement Project including full commission reviews and subcommittee workshops.

