

Memorandum

Date: March 8, 2023
To: Kristen Johnson, Acting Chair, Landmarks Preservation Board
From: Rebecca Frestedt, Columbia City Review Committee Coordinator
Subject: Columbia City Review Committee member appointments

Three of the Columbia City Business Association appointments to the Columbia City Review Committee are up for appointment and/or *reappointment*. The Columbia City Business Association has recommended appointment of two new members, each for a two-year term, and reappointment of one seated member, for a one-year term. The differing term limits reflected in the appointments are intended to retain the staggered terms, since appointments could not be updated in a timely manner during the pandemic.

The purpose of this memo is to request confirmation of appointments for two new members, each for a two-year term, and reappointment of a seated member, to serve a one-year term. The slate of candidates for the Columbia City Review Committee, to be confirmed by the Landmarks Preservation Board, is as follows:

Amanda Keating

Amanda Keating is an architect with over 20 years of experience. She is a partner at Weber Thompson. She has been a resident of Columbia City and the surrounding area since 2006. Amanda was initially appointed to the Columbia City Review Committee in April 2012. She has brought her technical expertise and experience as a resident to her work with the Committee. She has agreed to complete a sixth term ending March 30, 2024.

Jesse Gordon Davis

Jesse Gordon Davis is an architect, Johnston Architects. He has been a resident of Columbia City for over 2 ½ years and a resident of Seattle for over 13 years. About his work, he says, “I look forward to creating solutions that tackle space, use and affordability without sacrificing culture and history.” He has agreed to complete a two-year term ending March 30, 2025.

Taylor Callaway

Taylor Callaway is a principal at First Lamp Architects, which is based in Columbia City, and he has been a resident of the neighborhood for over 10 years. He has experience in residential and commercial architecture and spent his early career in construction. He said he loves the District and doesn’t want it to lose the qualities that make it special. He has agreed to complete a two-year term ending March 30, 2025.

Recommended motions:

- *I move to reappoint Amanda Keating to the Columbia City Review Committee for a sixth term, serving for 1-year, ending March 30, 2024.*
- *I move to appoint Taylor Callaway to the Columbia City Review Committee for a 2-year term ending March 30, 2025.*
- *I move to appoint Jesse Gordon Davis to the Columbia City Review Committee for a 2-year term ending March 30, 2025.*