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Planning and Development Department  
Land Use Planning Division

## MEMORANDUM

July 27, 2023

To: Claudia Garcia and Samantha Updegrave, Principal Planners  
Cc: Design Review Committee

From: Anne Burns, Senior Planner - Design Review

Subject: DRC Recommendation for Committee Landscape Architect Position

The Design Review Committee (DRC) currently has one vacancy. Under BMC Section 23.402.060, this is one of three professional positions appointed by the Board for Committee members from the Berkeley community at large, and not a specific Board or Commission. I include BMC Section 23.402.060 on the second page for reference to the specific members required on the Committee. The link below to the current Committee Roster shows members appointed by ZAB as well as other Commissions.

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/External%20Roster%2006-22-23.pdf>

DRC's selection subcommittee recently interviewed Mary Muszynski for this position and made a favorable recommendation to the whole committee at their June meeting this past month. The DRC endorsed the subcommittee's recommendation to fill the vacancy with Mary. I attach her application for your reference.

Mary has been a licensed landscape architect for over 20 years and holds a Master's of Landscape Architecture from the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design at The George Washington University. She is the founder of Landible, an eco-supportive landscape architecture and art practice. Her practice specializes in landscape architecture informed by site-specific art practices.

Mary welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with her fellow Committee members, architects, landscape architects and developers and to offer her professional design expertise in service to Berkeley. Her strong desire to contribute to good design in this City will make her a valuable member of the DRC.

The Committee requests that we forward their recommendation on for the Board's immediate consideration and appointment to the DRC.

Attachment

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### **23.402.060 Design Review Committee**

A. *Established.* The City shall establish and maintain a Design Review Committee (DRC) to review and approve the design of development projects in accordance with Section 23.406.070 - Design Review.

B. *Composition.*

1. The DRC shall consist of seven members, as follows:

- (a) Two members of the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB).
- (b) One member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC).
- (c) One member of the Civic Arts Commission (CAC).
- (d) Three members of the public who are Berkeley residents.

2. DRC members from boards and commissions shall be appointed by their respective bodies, and members of the public shall be appointed by the ZAB.

3. DRC membership shall include at least two-licensed architects, one licensed landscape architect, and two laypersons (persons who are neither a planning or design professional nor an expert in the fields of land use planning, architecture, or landscape architecture).



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BERKELEY  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CITY OF BERKELEY - CITY CLERK  
2023 APR 26 AM 10:26

NAME: Mary Muszynski

PREFERRED PRONOUN(S): Ms.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1226 Shattuck Ave #2 Berkeley CA 94709  
Street City Zip

BUSINESS NAME/ADDRESS: Landible, Inc.  
1400 Shattuck Ave Ste 12 #202 Berkeley 94709  
Street City Zip

EMAIL ADDRESS: mary@landible.com

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Landscape Architect / Business owner

HOME PHONE: 415 306 2098 BUSINESS PHONE: 415 841 3554

I have been a resident of Berkeley since: January 2021

I am interested in being considered for appointment to the following Berkeley board(s)/commission(s):

Name of board/commission: Berkeley Design Review Committee / licensed landscape architect

Name of board/commission: \_\_\_\_\_

List any qualifications (work experience, education, attributes and training) which you feel would provide positive input to the work of the commission and the reason why you are interested in being appointed:

During 20+ years as a designer of public spaces I have seen how our commons shape our culture, health and well being of our communities.  
Public spaces are pivotal to climate change solutions that create a resilient, ecological and resonant environments now and for the future.  
Public project experience in San Francisco at Department of Public Works and The Trust for Public Land and in Tucson, AZ. Please see attached resume.  
Owner of small business, Landible, Inc. since 2012, in Berkeley since 2021. 100% woman owned. CA Landscape architecture license since 2002 (#4709)

Please use another sheet of paper, if necessary.

The following individuals are qualified to comment on my capabilities:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO
David Trachtenberg	2421 Fourth Street Berkeley, CA 94710	510-649-1414-x112
John Northmore Roberts	2927 Newbury St, Berkeley, CA 94703	(510) 843-3666
Sean Kennedy	2315 Prince St, Berkeley, CA 94705	(415) 235-9205
Judi Mosqueda	SF International Airport, PO Box 8097 San Francisco, CA 94128	(650) 740-2699

\*\*\*PLEASE COMPLETE DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY \*\*\*

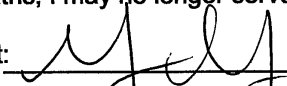
Please indicate gender:  Male  Female  Nonbinary  Prefer not to say  
Please indicate whether you are currently a student:  Yes  No  
Please indicate the racial / ethnic category which you most closely identify with below (response optional - please check only one category):

- WHITE (not of Hispanic or Latino origin):** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East
- BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN (not of Hispanic or Latino origin):** All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa
- HISPANIC or LATINO:** All persons of Central / South America or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race
- ASIAN (not of Hispanic or Latino origin):** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent. This includes, Cambodia, China, Japan, India, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam
- AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE (not of Hispanic or Latino origin):** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
- NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER (not of Hispanic or Latino origin):** All persons having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
- TWO or MORE RACES (not of Hispanic or Latino origin):** All persons who identify with more than one of the above six races

\*The City of Berkeley's Conflict of Interest Code requires members of all City of Berkeley Commissions except the Youth Commission and Commission on Status of Women to file Statements of Economic Interests – FPPC Form 700. The Form 700 is a public document. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Department at 981-6900, or visit our website at <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/public-records/conflict-interest-reports>.

**AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY\***

I, Mary Muszynski, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am a resident of the City of Berkeley. I understand that, with the exception of a temporary relocation outside of Berkeley not to exceed six months, I may no longer serve on a Berkeley Commission should this cease to be true.

Signature of Applicant:  Date: April 25, 2023

\*Not required for Police Review Commission, Loan Administration Board, Elmwood BID, Solano BID, or BUSD appointees

**Return this form to the City Clerk Department: 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, 94704**



**APPOINTMENT FORM - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
 (For Mayor and Council use only)

**MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF APPOINTEE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESIDENCE ADDRESS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

**BUSINESS NAME/ADDRESS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATION/PROFESSION** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BUSINESS PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate box:  New Appointment  Reappointment  Temporary Appt.

Temporary Appt.: From (date) \_\_\_\_\_ To (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if appointing for more than one meeting)

Please send mail to:  Home  Business

Please indicate the name of the board/commission to which you are appointing this individual

**Board/Commission Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please indicate the SPECIAL CATEGORY being fulfilled, if appointment is to ANY of the following boards or commissions:** Elmwood BID Advisory Board, Human Welfare & Community Action Commission, Loan Administration Board, Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board.

**Special Category** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/Councilmember

**For Mayor/Councilmember and City Use Only:**

Interview Date	Appoint. Date	Process Date

# Mary Muszynski

Berkeley, California

 mary@landible.com Landible.com

## Summary

Landscape architect and founder of Landible, an eco-supportive landscape architecture and art practice that deepens connections with nature and creates immersive spaces informed by cultures and site.

Our approach balances an interplay of rigorous architectural landscape design informed by site-specific art practices. Well considered design strategies paired with a minimal approach to materials. In depth experience with non-residential development in urban environments, best practices in planning, and CA building codes.

State license in California (#4709) and Arizona (#44623); Association of Professional Landscape Designer; The Good Future Design Alliance; Bay Friendly Qualified Professional.

Master in Landscape Architecture, Harvard University

## Experience

### Principal Landscape Architect

LANDIBLE, inc.

May 2012 - Present (11 years)

### Project Manager I, Great Streets Program, Dept. of Public Works

City and County of San Francisco

2010 - 2012 (2 years) Notable Projects: Newcomb Avenue Green Streetscape, 24th & York Park, Civic Center Plaza

### Project Manager, Parks for People

Trust for Public Land

2009 - 2010 (1 year) Notable Project: Site design and project management for Boedekker Park.

### Landscape Architect

MFLA Munden Fry Landscape Associates

2009 - 2010 (1 year)

### Sr. Landscape Architect

 Coastal SAGE Landscape Architecture

2006 - 2009 (3 years) Design of Tucson Origins Mission Gardens Public Garden.

### Landscape Architect /Project Manager

City of Tucson Parks and Recreation

2004 - 2006 (2 years)



**Landscape Associate**  
City and County of San Francisco  
2003 - 2004 (1 year)



**Landscape Designer**  
Andrea Cochran Landscape Architecture, Inc.  
2000 - 2003 (3 years)



**Landscape Designer**  
EDAW  
Now AECOM



**Landscape Designer**  
Todd & Associates, Inc.

**Landscape Intern**  
Peter Walker & Partners

## Education



**Harvard University**  
MLA, with Distinction, Graduate School of Design  
1997  
American Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award



**Corcoran School of the Arts and Design at The George Washington University**  
BFA, Fine Arts

## Skills

Landscape Architecture • Public Space Design • Sustainable Design • Team Leadership • Site Planning • Project Management • Nonprofits • Comprehensive Planning • Community Outreach • Land Use Planning • Municipal Governments • Planning & Building Departments