

**Tessa Andrascik**

Nothing submitted

Janice P. Arnold

Janice Arnold has called Olympia home for over 40 years. She lives within walking distance of downtown and proudly supports downtown restaurants, shops and amenities almost exclusively. Janice grew up in Vancouver, Washington, where she learned the importance of being an involved citizen from her parents who are credited with founding the first neighborhood association, the first Urban Community Garden, supported and protected historical buildings and landmarks, and helped promote and preserve urban parks and open space. There is a city street named after her father Philip W. Arnold, Vancouver's legendary cartographer. Janice is a graduate of TESC and is married to retired TESC professor, artist and analog audio designer Stan Klyne. They have two sons - Lyle and Loren Klyne. Janice wears many hats. She is co-owner of Gnome's World, the children's store inside Traditions Fair Trade, she is co-owner of Klyne Audio Arts, Ltd., with her husband of 30 years, as well as being a professional textile artist - JA FELT Studio & Lab. She has her work in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian National Design Museum, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Nordstrom Corporation and several local businesses including Olympia Coffee Roasters. She exhibits and lectures internationally and enjoys playing the cello.

Janice is one of 5 women who founded 20/20 Vision Olympia in 2008 with a mission to promote and advocate for creating a strong and safe Downtown that honors the waterfront, our history and heritage, embraces public involvement and partnerships with the arts, public and private enterprise, with a hope that together we can create and implement a perfect vision for smart growth for the future. Janice was instrumental in partnering with the late Micki Hemsted to create a video featuring 6 living Governors who signed a Proclamation in support of preserving the isthmus, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHqIC5jbuPA>). Favorite Quotes include: "Do one thing everyday that scares you." - Eleanor Roosevelt. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead.

**Clydia J. Cuykendall**

Clydia Cuykendall is a contract attorney and an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. As a native of Olympia whose mother was active in our community, Clydia hopes to have the same positive impact. Having lived in four countries, three states, and nine cities, Clydia has been exposed to many “downtowns” and would like to use some of her observations to help improve downtown Olympia.

Since returning to Olympia in 2005, Clydia served on the Board of the Student Conservation Association (2003-2009); the WSBA Mediation Panel (2008-2009); Thurston County League of Women Voters (2006-2012); the Port of Olympia Citizens Advisory Committee (2009 – 2015); Thurston Community Television Board (2013-2014); and the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (2012-present).

Clydia retired as an Associate General Counsel and Vice President of the J.C. Penney Corporation in Plano, Texas (1999- April 2005). Before that she was General Counsel and Secretary of Star Enterprise in Houston, Texas (1989 – May 1999). Star Enterprise was a petroleum refining and marketing partnership between affiliates of Texaco and Saudi Aramco operating independently in 26 Eastern and Gulf Coast states. She was also Corporate Counsel for the Arabian American Oil Company in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (1979-1988) and an Associate at the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro in San Francisco, California (1974-1978). Clydia is a member of the State Bars of Washington, Texas, and California and co-author of Thurston County Water Realities (2008) and the Washington State League of Women Voters Energy Study (2012). She received her education at the University of Washington School of Law (JD 1974) and Stanford University (BS Math 1971).

Janae Huber

Janae Huber is the Collections Manager for the Washington State Arts Commission's Art in Public Places program, where she oversees the conservation, maintenance, and inventory of 4,500 artworks located in public places throughout Washington. She is the co-founder of Olympians for People-Oriented Places, the chair of the Wildwood Neighborhood Association, a member of the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations steering committee, and her family co-owns Olympia Coffee Roasting Company, a downtown-centered business. From 2004-2009, she was appointed by City Council to the Olympia Arts Commission, where she served for two years as its chair. During her Arts Commission tenure, she's most proud of *Here Today*, a series of temporary, publicly-sited artworks located throughout downtown that engaged emerging and experienced artists from the visual, literary, and performing arts.



Janae moved to Olympia in October 2000 on the Friday of Arts Walk. Her brother, an Evergreen graduate, drove her into town via Capitol Way and then up 4th to show her the dynamism and energy of Olympia's core. This experience, along with time spent living abroad, set the stage for her deep appreciation of Olympia's vibrant and working downtown (Hey, we've got a hardware store, grocery, and a lot of other amazing private and public spaces!). Since the beginning, she has focused her commercial, cultural, and employment in the downtown core and her residence is deliberately close to a primary transit line and within easy biking distance of those needs.

Her interest in the Downtown Strategy is primarily in increased housing. She is eager to see Olympia's biking, walking, and transit infrastructure better supported by increased density in downtown and throughout Olympia; to see stronger support for the kind of creative sector that already calls our downtown home; and to see our urban growth boundaries hold firm, ensuring preservation of nearby farm- and forest-land. Janae likes to imagine a time when her 6-year-old daughter is grown and she and her husband can down-size to an accessory dwelling unit in their backyard, renting their single-family home to welcomed, new Olympians.

Meg Martin

Name: Meg Martin

Occupation: Social Worker, Program Director of the Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter

Affiliations and Interests: Social Service Provider, local musician, artist

How long you've lived in Olympia or in the area: 8 years

Why you're invested in the downtown strategy: I am invested because I have been coming downtown nearly every day since I moved here. I am an employee of downtown and am very committed to finding smart, efficient solutions to homelessness. When all of our residents have their basic needs met, everyone in the community benefits. I am also invested because I want to be able to share data with the business community and the city about the gaps in services and what the actual landscape is like for people experiencing homelessness on our streets.

What would you like to tell us about yourself?

Something unique: I am a musician

Where you like to go downtown/ what you enjoy about downtown: I love so many things about downtown. I love to walk the streets and stop into stores that my friends own or work at to say hello. I love seeing so many people on the streets that you can't get a block without chatting up someone you know. I love how beautiful it is and I love the public art. Especially the free wall and the new Leonard Peltier mural at the Artesian Well.

What are your aspirations for downtown? My aspirations for downtown are to keep the gritty, unique, artistic spirit of Olympia alive and to create a plan that includes having the basic needs of all of our residents met on a daily basis.

**Kim Murillo**

Kim Murillo is the owner of Little General Food Shop in downtown Olympia. Kim moved to Olympia in 2005 with her husband, and worked as a civil engineer until 2010. After they had a child in 2011, Kim saw an opportunity to fill a need in the downtown community for quality grab and go foods. The store opened in 2014, and has worked out well as a work environment that her daughter could be a part of.

Kim was born in a tiny village near Nelson, British Columbia, Canada. Her family moved to Houston, Texas, when she was 7, where she lived until moving to Olympia. Experiencing drastically different communities and lifestyles has really given Kim a deep appreciation for Olympia - its size, its character, and its progressive attitude.

Kim is interested in highlighting the amazing foods and crafts produced locally and has been a member of Slow Food since 2010. She became a member of the PBIA Board in 2015, and is part of an urban density advocacy group called Olympians for People-Oriented Places. She is grateful to be part of a caring and hardworking community.

Jessicarae Nuno

Nothing submitted

Ruben Nuno

Nothing submitted

Karen Parkhurst

Role and Title: Transportation Planning, Tribal and Legislative Liaison; Programs & Policy Director BA, The Evergreen State College, focus on Labor and Cultural Studies

Ms. Parkhurst came to TRPC in 2000 after a stint in systems management at the High Court of American Samoa, 17 years in management and policy at the Washington State House of Representatives, several years in government relations, and management of the county-wide Commute Trip Reduction Program at Intercity Transit. She leads state/federal legislative strategies efforts, working with elected officials and legislative liaisons from municipal/professional organizations to develop and educate on regional priorities.

Ms. Parkhurst has extensive training and experience in public process and Cultural Competency/Diversity/ADA and developed TRPC's diversity, government-to-government, and public participation policies and plans. She serves as Tribal and transit liaison, and focuses on rural and special needs transportation, Sustainability, Commute Trip Reduction/Transportation Demand Management, Local Food Systems, Health and Active Community Environments, corridor studies, public outreach, sustainability, and transit. The Washington State Department of Transportation has twice recognized Ms. Parkhurst with Achievement Awards for her contributions to public transportation in Washington State.



Connie Phegley



Building owner: 30 years

To be part of planning that values environmental and economic development sustainability, relationship building and social justice.

I have always loved downtown Olympia for people watching, street art, fashion and personal expression. I love being able to see the mountains, the sound, seals and birds. I love how fluid, solid and spirited the independent, locally owned business and art/performance scene is, there is always something new to check out that makes for an interesting spin on how to think about the world and our role in it.

To maintain an environment that celebrates and incentivizes local ownership, artistic expression, compassion, environmental sustainability and long-term vitality. To rethink how we define success, economic growth, profit, prosperity and demand. To create a downtown neighborhood that is safe and welcoming while considering human nature and dignity.

Dave Platt

Nothing submitted



Karen P. Reagan



Karen Reagan has lived in the downtown Olympia neighborhood since 2013 and is a former board member of the Olympia Downtown Neighborhood Association. As a biologist, she is interested in the ways that urban development influences the environment and believes that thoughtful urban planning is a key strategy to creating healthy habitat for humans while conserving and protecting fish, wildlife, and plants.

Karen's interest in the Downtown Strategy stems, in part, from her love of small businesses and her belief that Olympia is dedicated to retaining the charming, independent character of the city while revitalizing the downtown core in a way that honors its history, its residents, and its future.

Mike Reid

Senior Manager Business Development, Port of Olympia

Nothing submitted

Carole Richmond



Carole was born in France to a French mother and American father. She moved to the United States when she was five and lived in several states on the East and West coasts while growing up. She received a BA in political science from the University of Massachusetts/Boston, and an MS in Forest Resources from the University of Washington/Seattle, after moving to Seattle with her husband in 1980.



She moved to Olympia in 1986 to work as a policy analyst for the Department of Ecology. During her subsequent 21-year career with state government, Carole worked on a variety of issues in several agencies, including water system planning, salmon recovery, contaminated sediments, forest resources, biodiversity protection, and monitoring and performance measurement. She also served as a research analyst for the environmental and natural resources committees of the House of Representatives.

Since leaving state employment in 2008, she has volunteered with local non-profit organizations to advance sustainable outcomes in preparation for climate change. She became interested in urban planning when she realized that conservation and sustainability depend as much on how cities are built, as they do on how farmland and forestland are protected and managed. This realization led her to attend conferences and read books about urban design and planning, and ultimately to apply for a position on the Olympia Planning Commission where she felt she could help foster a new and improved approach to land-use planning that focuses on the three pillars of sustainability: quality of life, environmental protection, and economic development. She has served on the Commission since 2013 and is particularly excited about being a part of the rebirth of downtown.

Annette Roth



Annette is the Marketing and Communications Director for the Thurston Economic Development Council. As a member of the lead economic development agency in the County, Annette is keenly aware of the importance of the vitality of downtown Olympia on the economic sustainability of the entire region.

Annette was born and raised near Detroit, Michigan, studying English at Wayne State University and Digital Media at the Art Institute of Seattle. Annette has spent her entire career in marketing and communications, working for both small companies and large corporations. She moved to Washington State in 2004, where she owned a boutique marketing agency in Tacoma, Washington, before joining the EDC in 2010.

Annette is a 2013 graduate of Leadership Thurston County, a member of Lacey Rotary, a member of xChange Professionals Business Group, and a volunteer for Junior Achievement Washington. She lives in Lacey with her son, and enjoys hiking, sailing, reading and gardening.



Missy Watts

"I am a transplanted Southerner, having been born in New Orleans and raised on the coast of Georgia. During my adult life of traveling with the military I have enjoyed several careers and re-inventions. One of the stranger ones being a time of service with the US Army, where I learned Arabic and trained to work in the military intelligence field. I am now entering into my 11th year as a residential real estate broker, my second career in real estate over the years. In my free time I enjoy boating, I travel as often as I can afford, and I am currently learning Spanish.

When my husband was preparing to retire from the Army we were searching for a great city to call home. Having lived all over the country, we dialed in a short list of seaside cities to consider. After an exhaustive search, Olympia checked most of the boxes on our list of must-haves. We settled in Olympia permanently in 1998 and my husband and I both started new careers and raised our son and daughter here. They were accepted into competitive college programs, both in California, after receiving a solid education at the hands of the Olympia school system.

Over the years I have seen many changes in Olympia, and I felt that they were not all positive changes. In an effort to learn and to be a part of a solution, three years ago I applied for a position on the City Planning Commission. I am excited to finally be digging into the issues associated with the downtown area through the Downtown Strategy Work Group.

I believe in Olympia, and in our downtown area's potential. It is the place we like to shop, show off to visiting family members, and the place we identify as "our town". It is important to feel proud of the downtown area, and to feel comfortable and safe there. It pains me to hear my visiting friends and family comment negatively about the area. My vision for downtown is a town that I want to walk through at night, with well-lit streets, delicious smells wafting from the restaurants, families out and about at all hours with things to do other than eat, people enjoying the waterfront. I would love to look back, 30 years from now, and know that I played some small part in the improvement and growth of this gem of a city. We hope that our kids will one day return and also call Olympia home."

Terry Wilson



My name is Terry Wilson and my title is Vice President with Kidder Mathews, a Commercial Real Estate firm. (Look for the Orange signs!) I list, sell, and lease all types of commercial properties, primarily in Thurston County.



My family has lived in Olympia since 1989. My wife (Renetta) and I are both entrepreneurs (She is a State Farm Agent, Downtown Olympia) and currently own or partner in several commercial buildings. We have raised two daughters in Olympia.

I am very interested in the downtown strategy because of the “untapped potential” for this area. I am excited to listen to other views and ideas about Downtown. I am encouraged by the few new projects and am anxious to help create a market that will attract investors from outside of Thurston County.

I am an Active Commercial Realtor, I have served on The Thurston County Board of Realtors, I am a former State employee, I have owned my own Mortgage Company, I managed the Home Loan Center for Heritage Bank, and I am also a Licensed Insurance Agent and Notary.

My diverse experience working for the government, a publicly traded company and being self-employed gives a broad perspective in looking at Downtown Olympia.

The things I enjoy about Downtown are the Farmers Market, the new Children’s Museum, the Restaurants (especially Ramblin’ Jack’s) and the reasonable lease rates for new businesses.

I am concerned about the issues of safety downtown. Whether you agree or disagree that there is an actual problem, there is a perception that it is a problem. I want to help improve the perception of downtown.

I am a diehard Washington State Cougar fan, (Go Cougs!), I love to travel with my family, I like meeting new people and trying new restaurants and bars as they open up in the area.

Robert Wubbena



Robert “Bob” Wubbena is a Professional Engineer and downtown business and property owner. He is the retired CEO/President of Economic and Engineering Services, Inc./HDR Engineering (EES was formed in 1978 and merged with HDR in 2006). EES was an environmental & financial utility/local government consulting firm working throughout North America. He now works throughout the USA and internationally doing humanitarian water and sanitation projects for Rotary, EWB and others in over 20 countries.

Bob is Co-chair of Capitol Lake Improvement and Protection Association (CLIPA), Board Member of the South Puget Sound Community Foundation, and several other community organizations. He is



Past President of the Rotary Club of Olympia. His family owns Fiddlehead Marina and he and his wife travel extensively.

Bob and his wife moved to Olympia in 1968 to work for the State Drinking Water Program, raised three children, and have managed family businesses and participated in all of the traditional family, school, and community organizations. They currently live near Priest Point Park and are active participants in many of the downtown events.

Bob started several businesses in downtown Olympia between 1978 and 1986 on the waterfront, and continues to own and manage those businesses. They have invested their financial and professional careers around the downtown environment while also conducting interstate and international business from the downtown location for over 37 years. They want these businesses to continue to prosper for family and friends. They are invested in the downtown and believe the City could be a much better place for new businesses if the City and its leaders provided and followed a more clean plan for the future.

Bob grew up in a small farming community in Iowa with a population of 150 and graduated from the University of Iowa with a BS and MS in Civil Engineering. He still helps his home town with their water supply improvements and currently serves on a National Advisory Committee for the Community Engineering Corps (CEC)--students and retired professionals that help small communities cope with their utility growth, and basic community needs on a pro-bono basis.

They like to visit the downtown restaurants, theater, and waterfront and watch the young families enjoy the many attractions of the City.

Bob does not like what poor planning and people with little respect for others have done to create a negative focus that overshadows the good. The City needs fewer studies and more plans of action to make Olympia a "Great Place to Grow a Business and Raise a Family"

Vida Zvirdzys-Farler

Nothing submitted