



# Minutes City of Sacramento City Design Commission

## COMMISSION MEMBERS:

*Brian Sehnert, AIA  
James Fong, Chair*

*David Nybo  
Wendy LaBarge, Vice Chair*

*Edmonds Chandler  
Hideki "Kit" Miyamoto*

## CITY STAFF:

*William Crouch, AIA, Urban Design Manager/Design Director*

*Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect*

*Sheryl Patterson, Senior Deputy City Attorney*

*Andrea Gladden, Customer Service Trainee*

*Historic City Hall*

*915 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Hearing Room*

*April 18, 2007 – 5:30 P.M.*

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# Minutes

**April 18, 2007**

**Historic City Hall  
915 I Street – Second Floor, Hearing Room**

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Design Commission unless otherwise noted.

## Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call All Present; Commissioner Sehnert present at 5:37 pm**

## Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

### **1. Approval of Minutes for March 21, 2007**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission Minutes from March 21, 2007

**Contact:** William Crouch, Urban Design Manager, (916) 808-8013

**Action:** No Public Comment. Moved, Seconded (Chandler, Nybo 6:0:0) to approve minutes from March 21, 2007

## Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Chair at the discretion of the Commission. If you challenge the decision of this Commission you may be limited to raising only those issues that are raised in this hearing or in written correspondence received by the Commission prior to the hearing.

### **2. None**

## Staff Reports

Staff reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

### **3. DR07-0110 The Studios**

**Location:** Northeast corner of 14th and H Street, D-3

**Recommendation:** Review and Forward Recommendations to City Council

**Contact:** Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect, (916) 808-5957

**Action:** No Public Comment. Moved, Seconded (LaBarge, Nybo 6:0:0) to forward recommendation for item B.A 1-7 to City Council with amended conditions. Moved, Seconded (LaBarge, Chandler 6:0:0) to continue item B.B 8-21 to May 16, 2007 for further discussion before forwarding to City Council.

### **4. M07-016 Monthly Design Review Activity Report**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and File

**Contact:** Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect, (916) 808-5957

**Action:** No Public Comment. Reviewed and comments provided

5. **LR07-004 2030 General Plan - Draft Preferred Land Use Alternative**  
**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and Provide Comments

**Contact:** Jim McDonald, Senior Planner, (916) 808-5723; Bob Overstreet, General Plan Project Executive, (916) 808-7404.

**Action:** No Public Comment. Reviewed and comments provided

### Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

6. **None.**

### Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members

7. **Commissioners LaBarge, and Sehnert asked to invite Bruce Starkweather and John Nunan to come to next meeting (May 16, 2007) to discuss policy.**
8. **Commissioner LaBarge would like a more efficient way of ‘getting the customer to success’ through the commission meetings. A better way of communicating through different commissions to create less confusion. Would also like Design Commission to have more control over projects.**
9. **Commissioner Sehnert suggested that Design Commission discuss policy at every meeting.**
10. **Commissioner LaBarge announced that at the Joint Commission Meeting she asked how Design Commission was to become more policy oriented, and the response was that the Commissioners need to be pro-active.**
11. **Chair Fong wanted to make sure that Commissioner Miyamoto received the packet information that was given at the last Design Commission Meeting.**
12. **Commissioner LaBarge would like a copy of the Annual DOC Report be provided to the Design Commission.**
13. **Commissioner Sehnert would like to have a presentation on the Alternative Development Standards.**
14. **Commissioner LaBarge would like a presentation on “I” Codes.**
15. **Commissioner LaBarge suggested that Design Commission have a special meeting to discuss policy.**

Adjournment 9:28 pm